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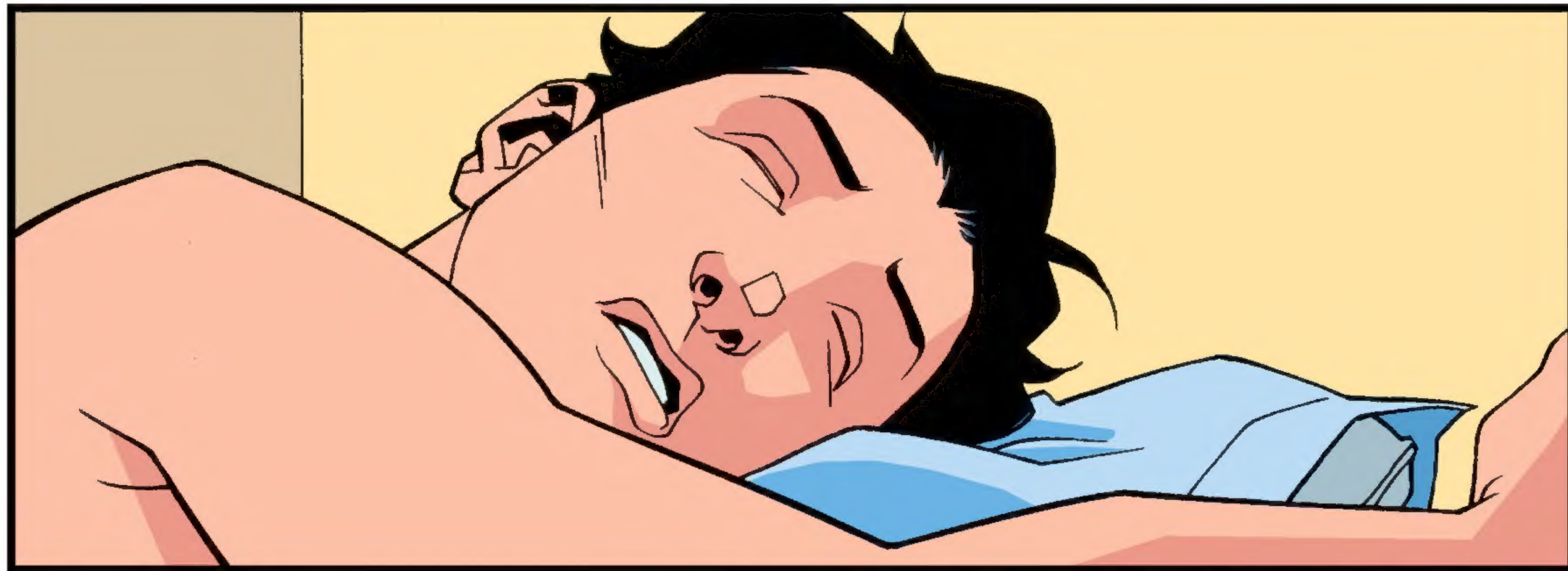


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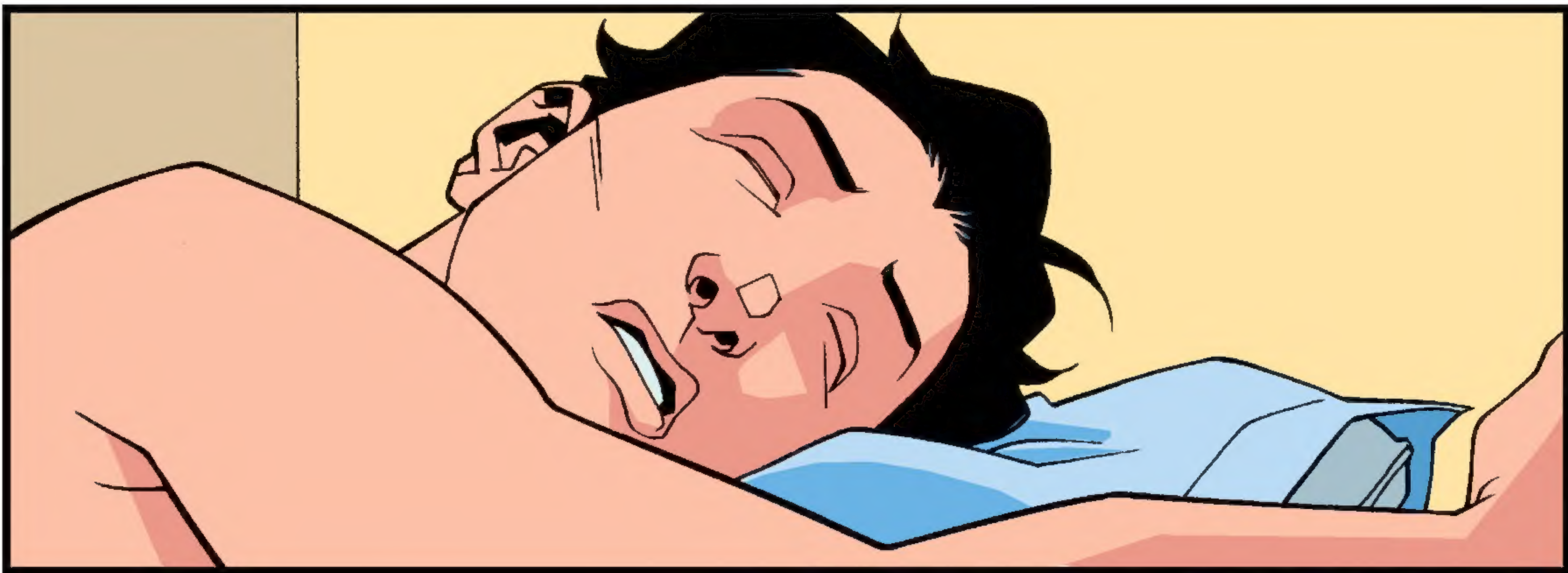
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AFTER A LONG WEEK OF
LATE NIGHT SUPER-HEROICS,
SATURDAYS ARE AN
EXCELLENT TIME TO CATCH
UP ON YOUR SLEEP.



OF COURSE, SOME HAVE
MORE SLEEP TO CATCH
UP ON THAN OTHERS.





MIDNIGHT CITY.

NINE O'CLOCK... A.M.

I HAVEN'T BEEN UP THIS EARLY IN YEARS...

OH, QUIT YOUR BELLY-ACHING... WE'RE MAKING GOOD TIME HERE.

AREN'T YOU AFRAID OF GETTING CAUGHT? ESPECIALLY THIS EARLY IN THE DAY...

YOU'VE GOT A LOT TO LEARN ABOUT MIDNIGHT CITY, LITTLE BROTHER.

THERE IS NO DAY AND NIGHT... NOT SINCE THE MIDNIGHT MAGICIAN SUCCEEDED IN HIS SUICIDE MISSION THREE YEARS AGO.

I THOUGHT YOU KNEW ABOUT ALL THIS WHEN I ASKED YOU TO COME STAY WITH ME!

GACHING!
GACHING!
GACHING!
GACHING!

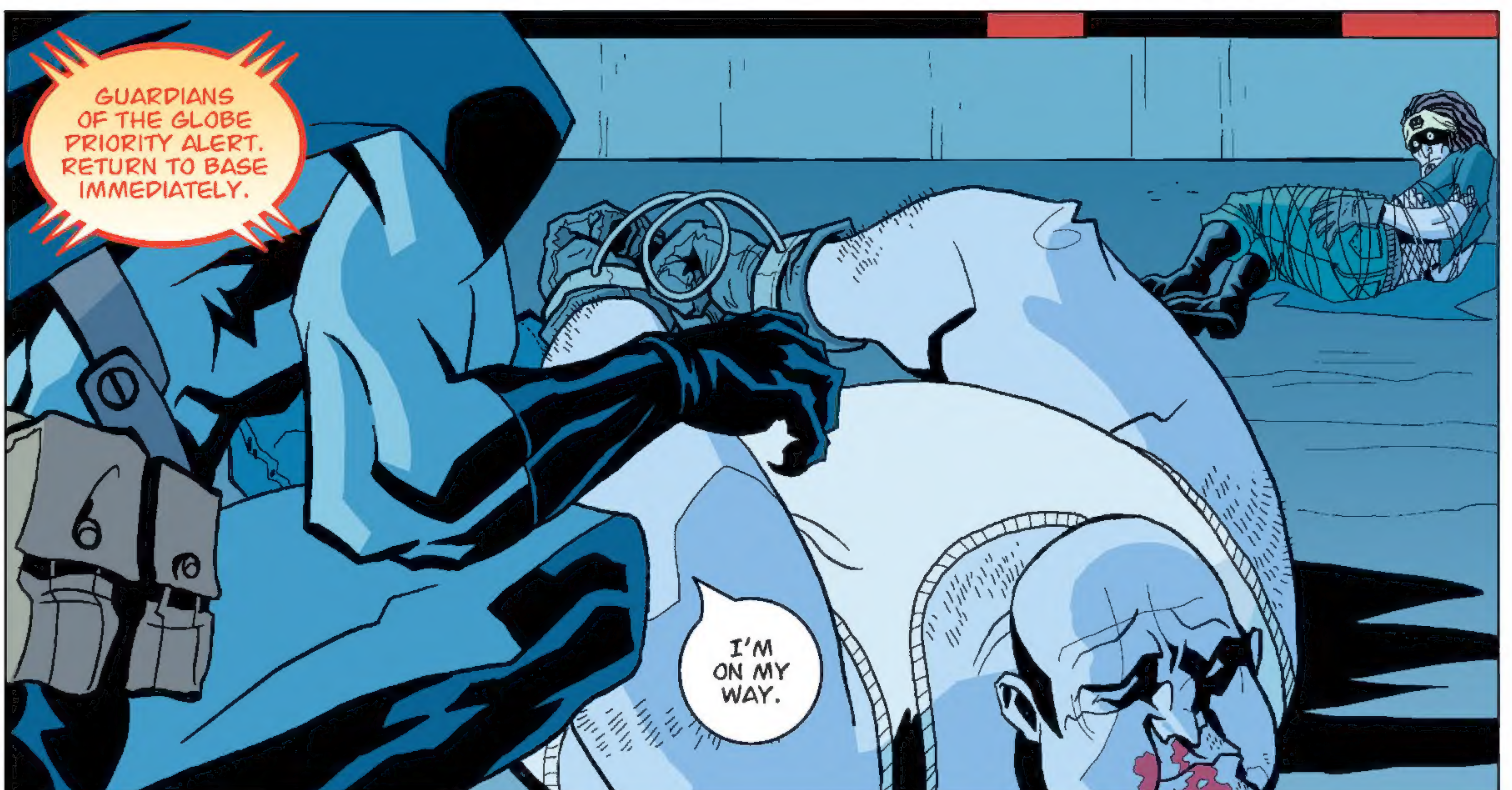
I KNEW A LITTLE BIT ABOUT IT... BUT NOT ALL THE DETAILS. WHAT ABOUT COPS... WHAT IF WE TRIP AN ALARM?

AFTER IT HAPPENED, THE GOVERNMENT STARTED PAYING PEOPLE TO LEAVE--COVERING MOVING EXPENSES AND WHATNOT. THERE AREN'T MANY COPS LEFT EITHER. ONLY PEOPLE HERE ARE THE ONES THAT REFUSED TO LEAVE AND PEOPLE LIKE US WHO STAYED BEHIND TO LOOT THE PLACE. THERE'S ALMOST NOBODY LEFT...

ONLY REAL THREAT TO US IS DARKWING AND HE CAN'T BE EVERYWHERE.

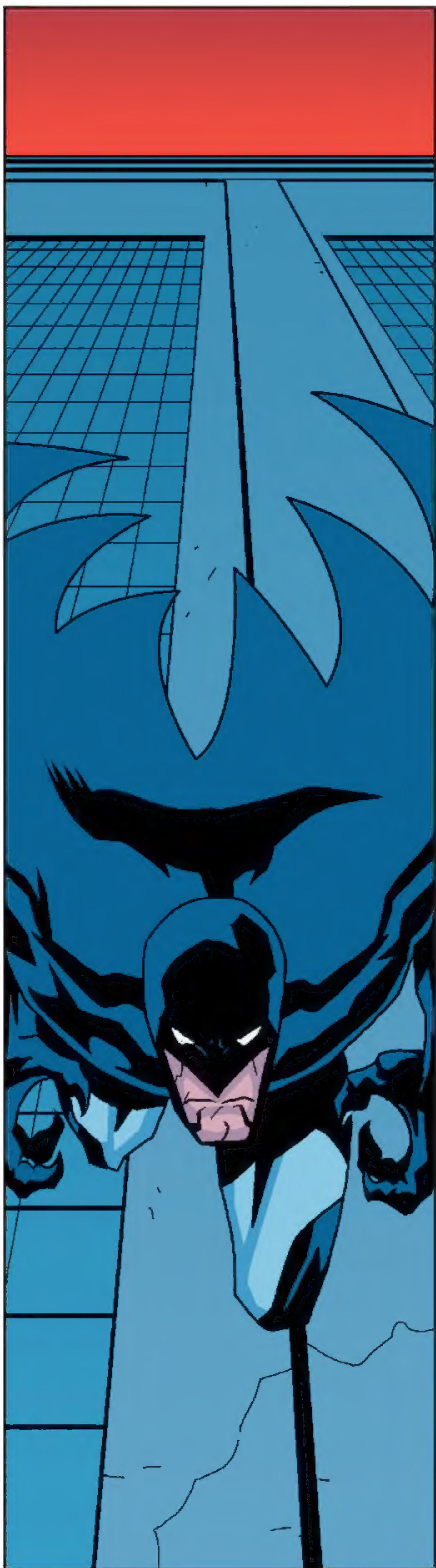


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SURE...

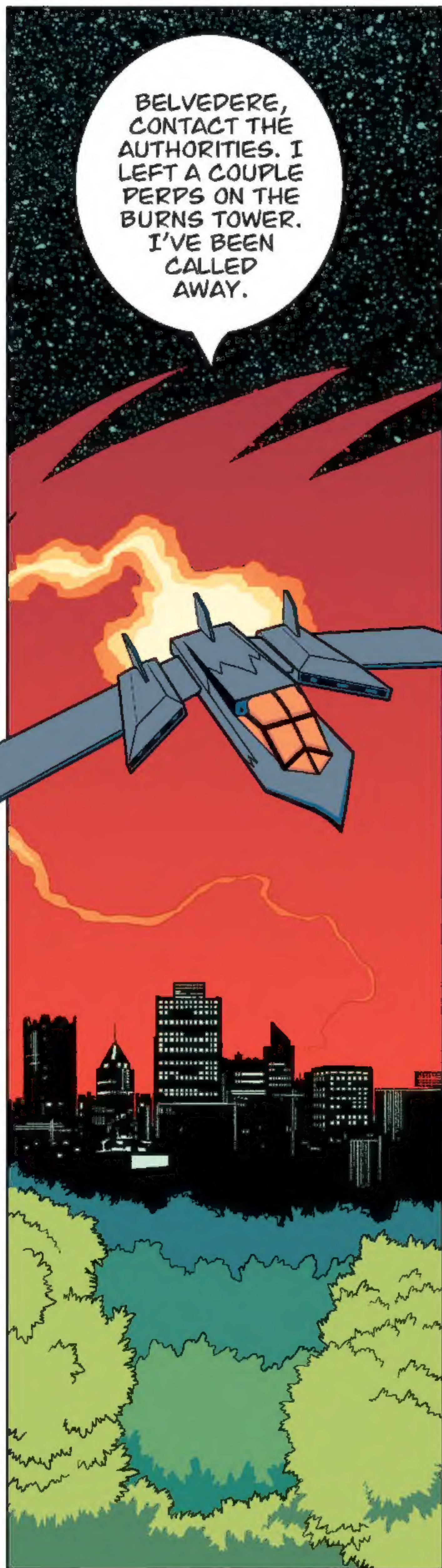




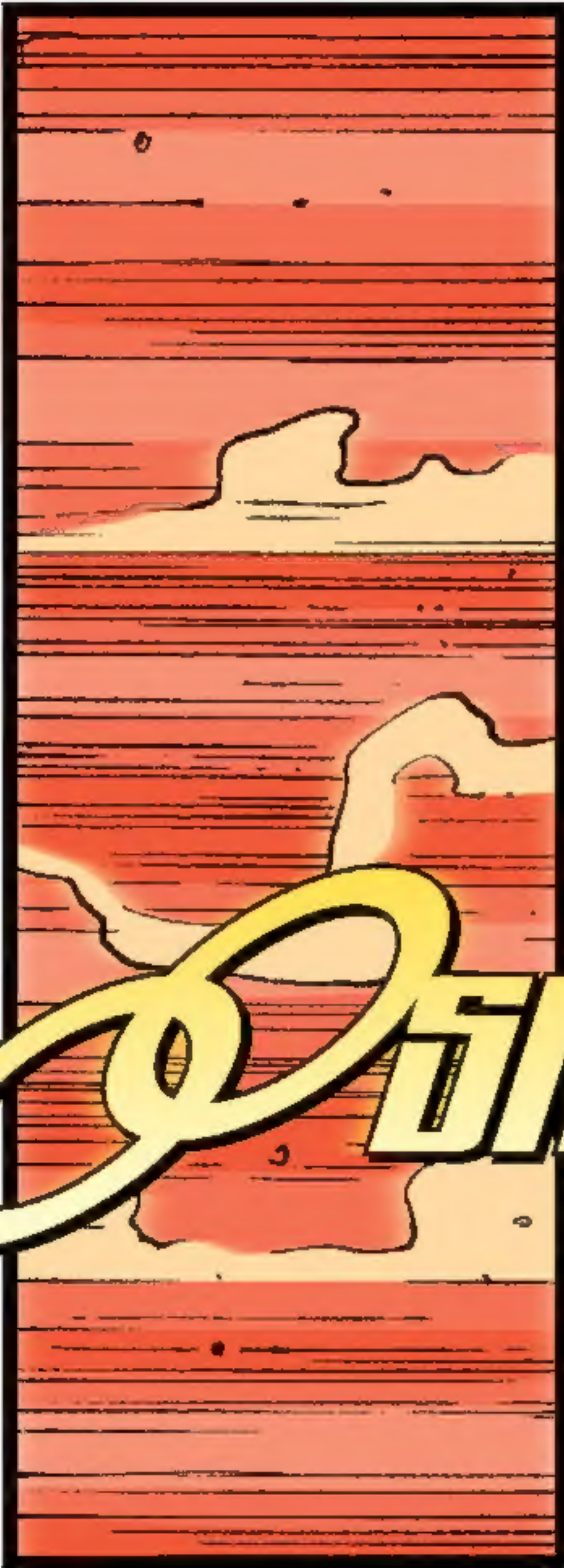
WING
JET.

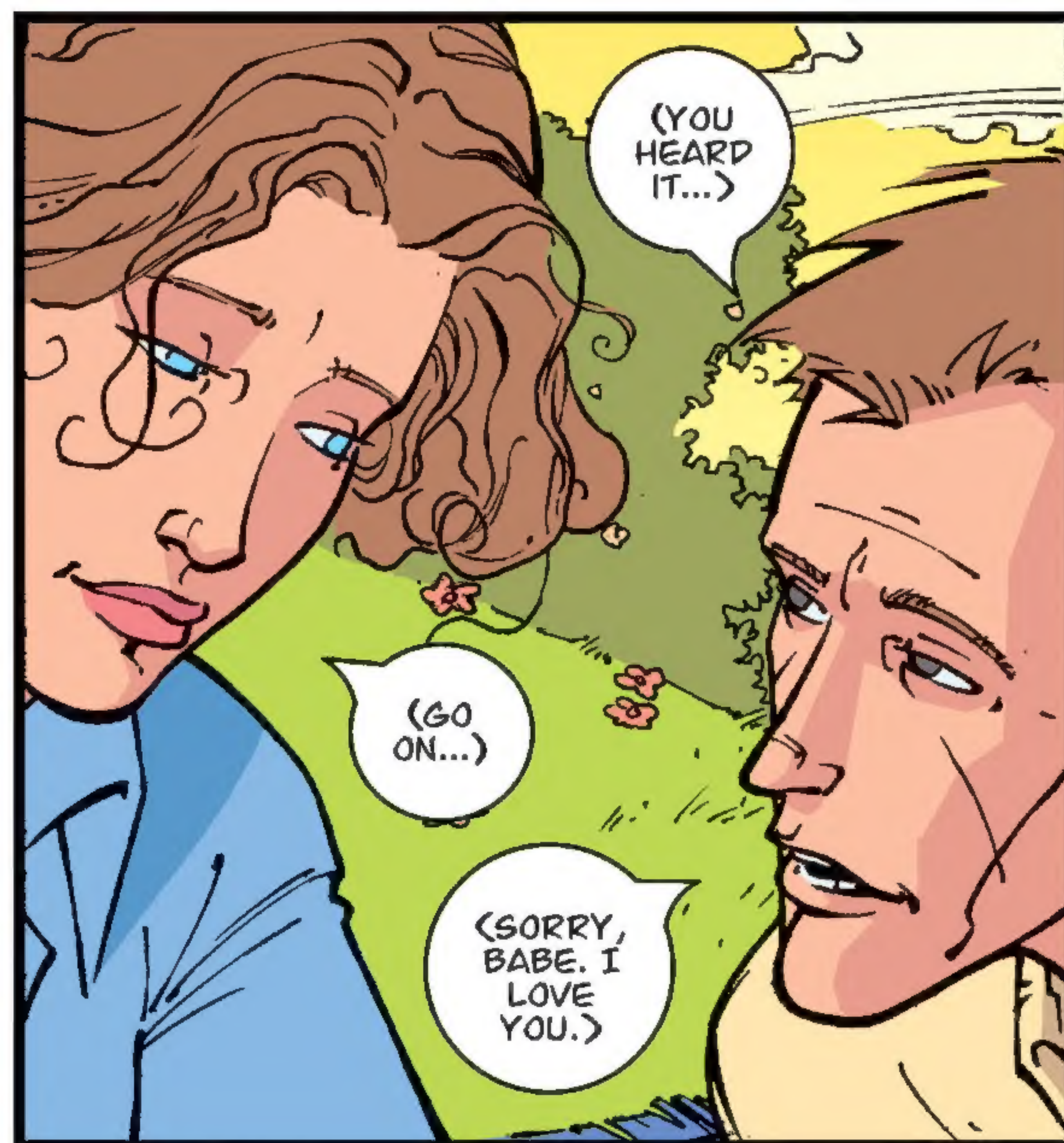
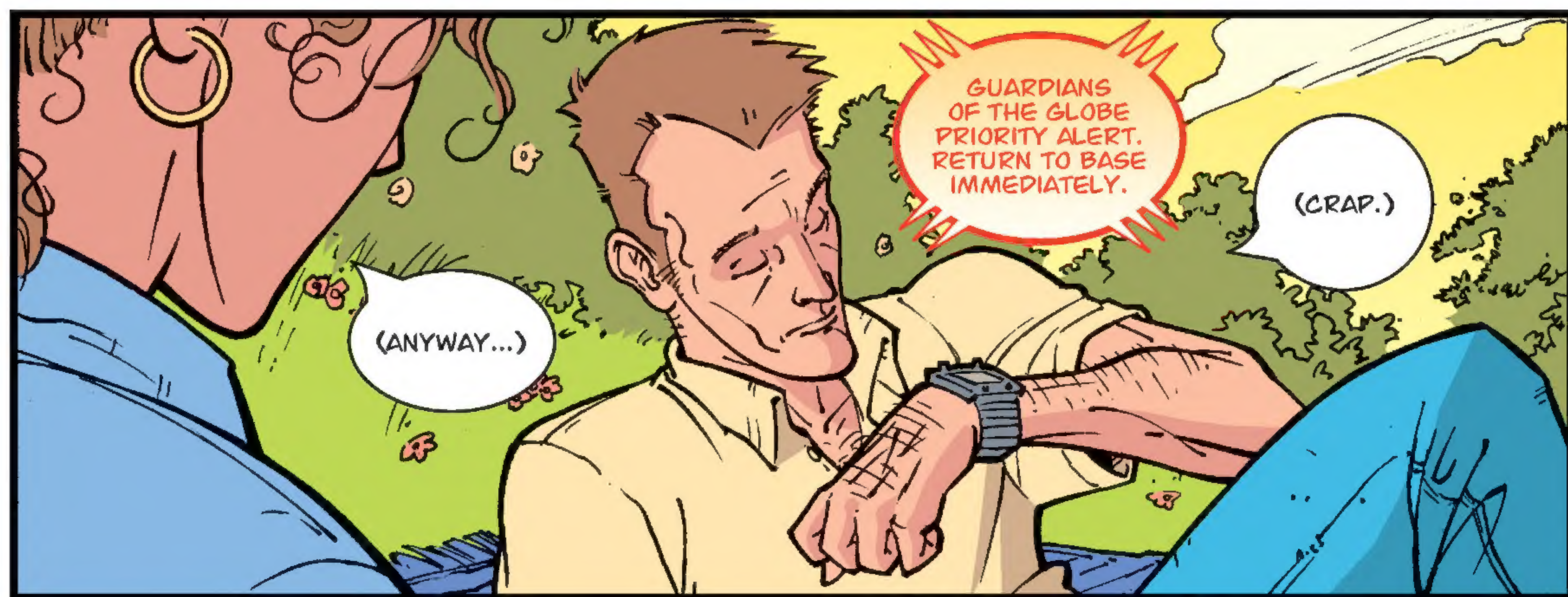
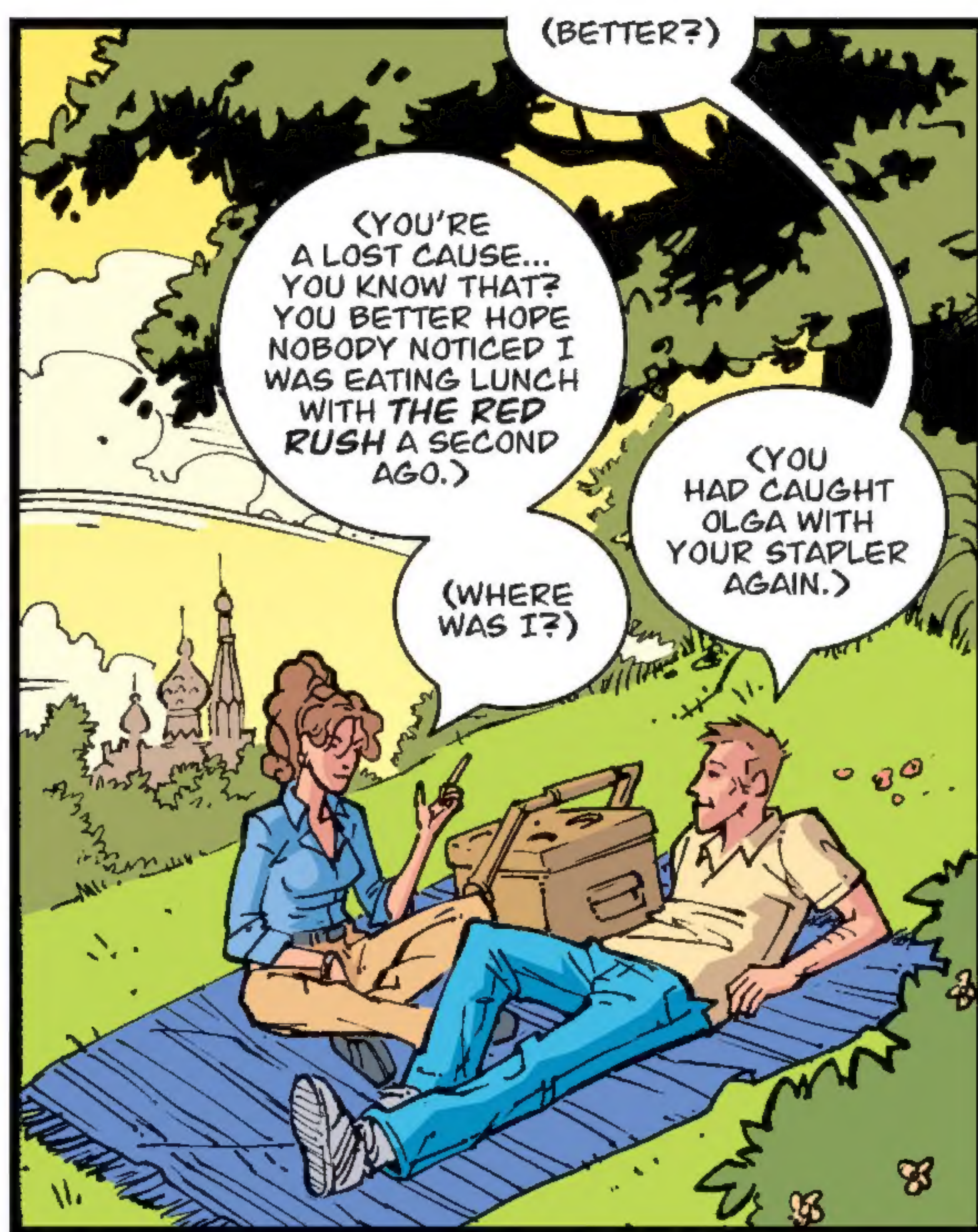


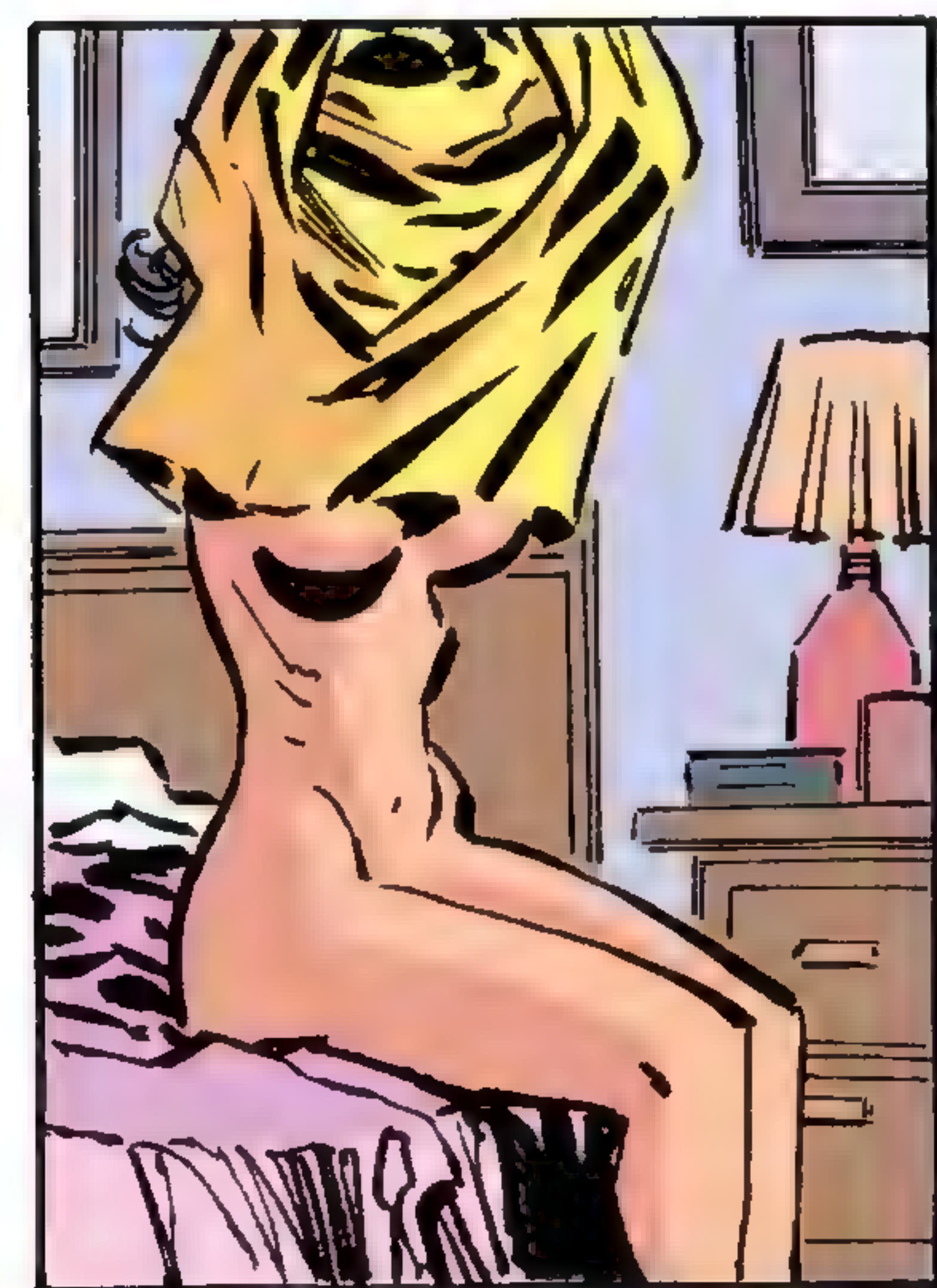
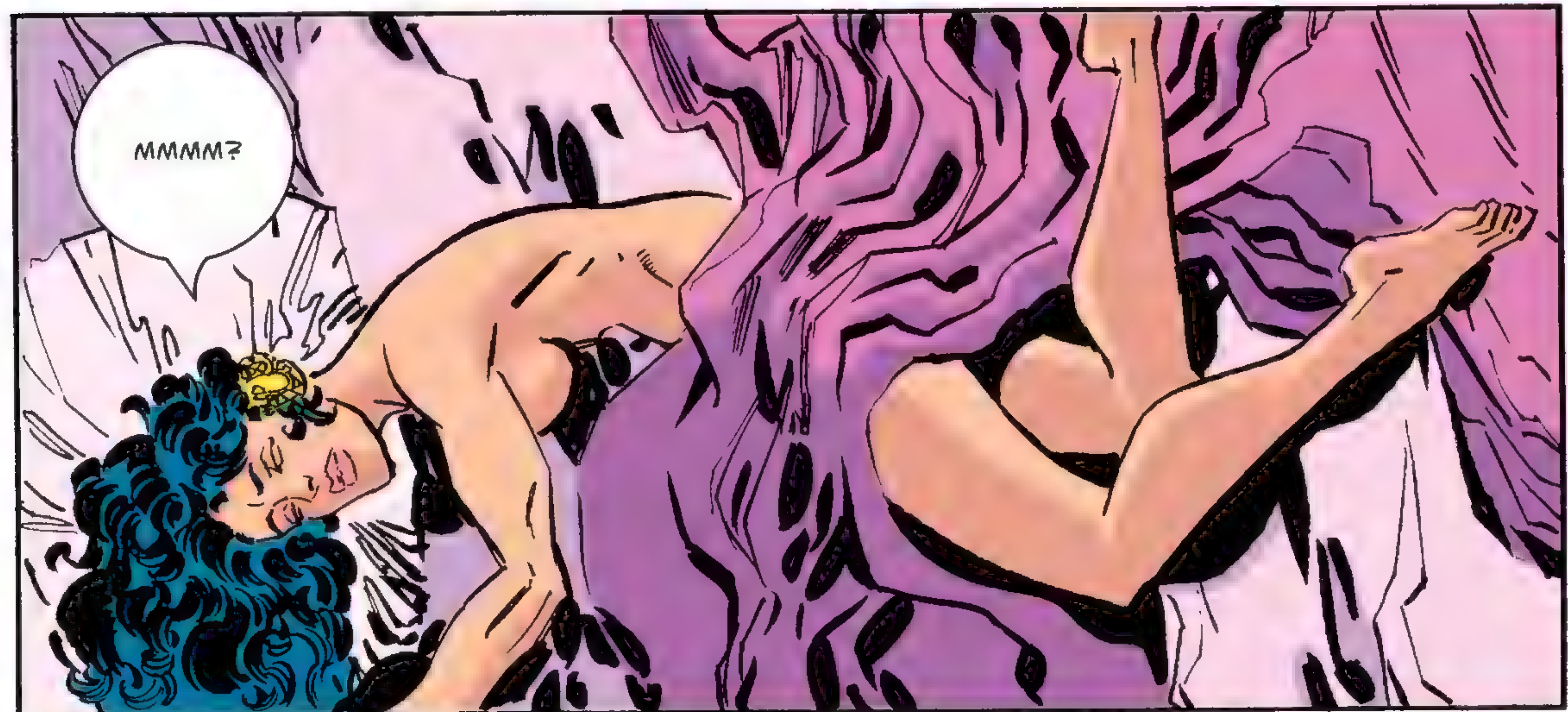
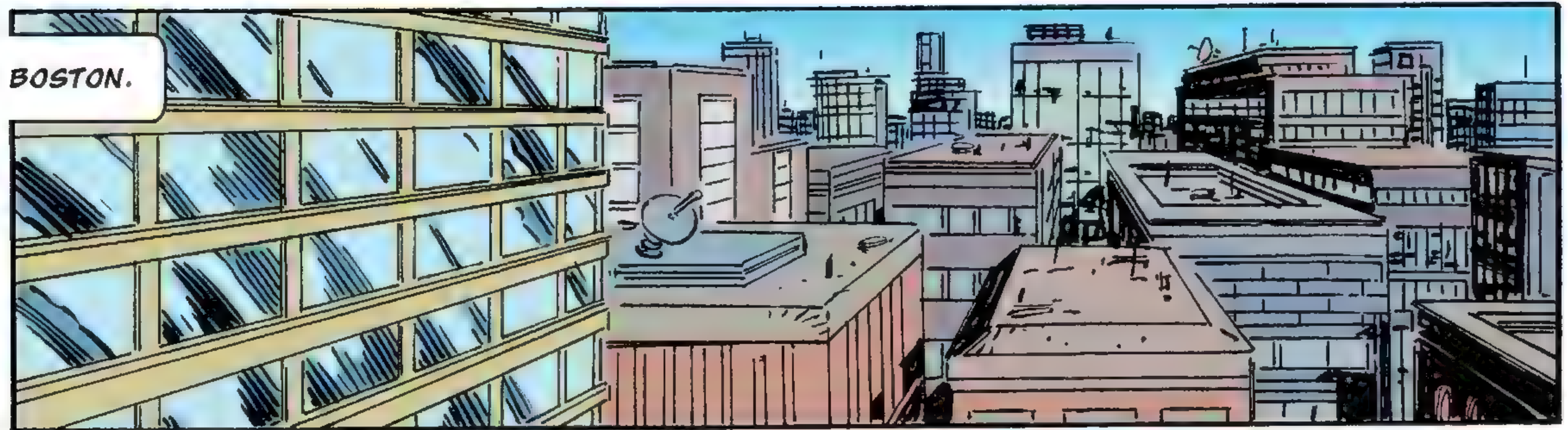
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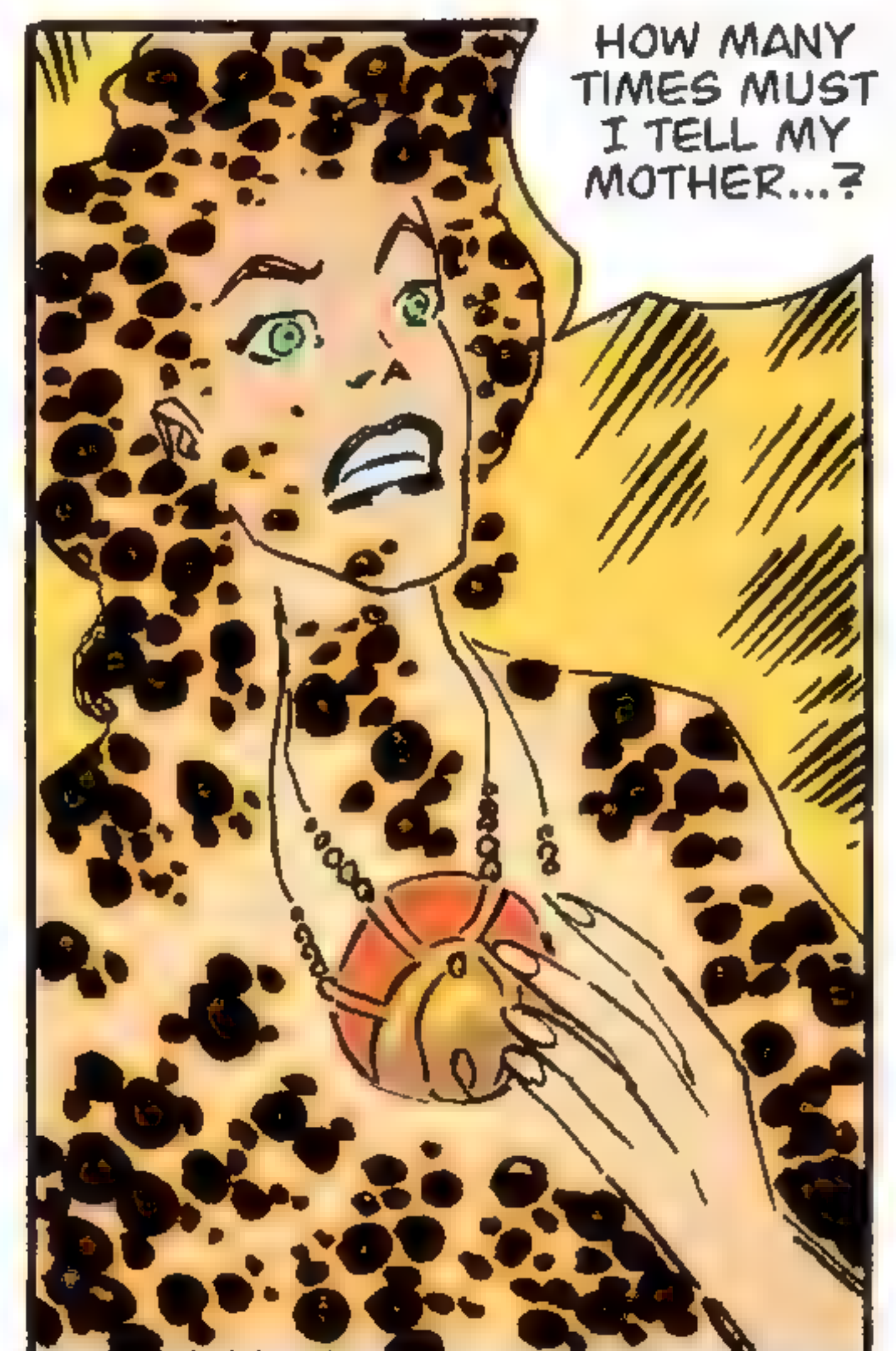
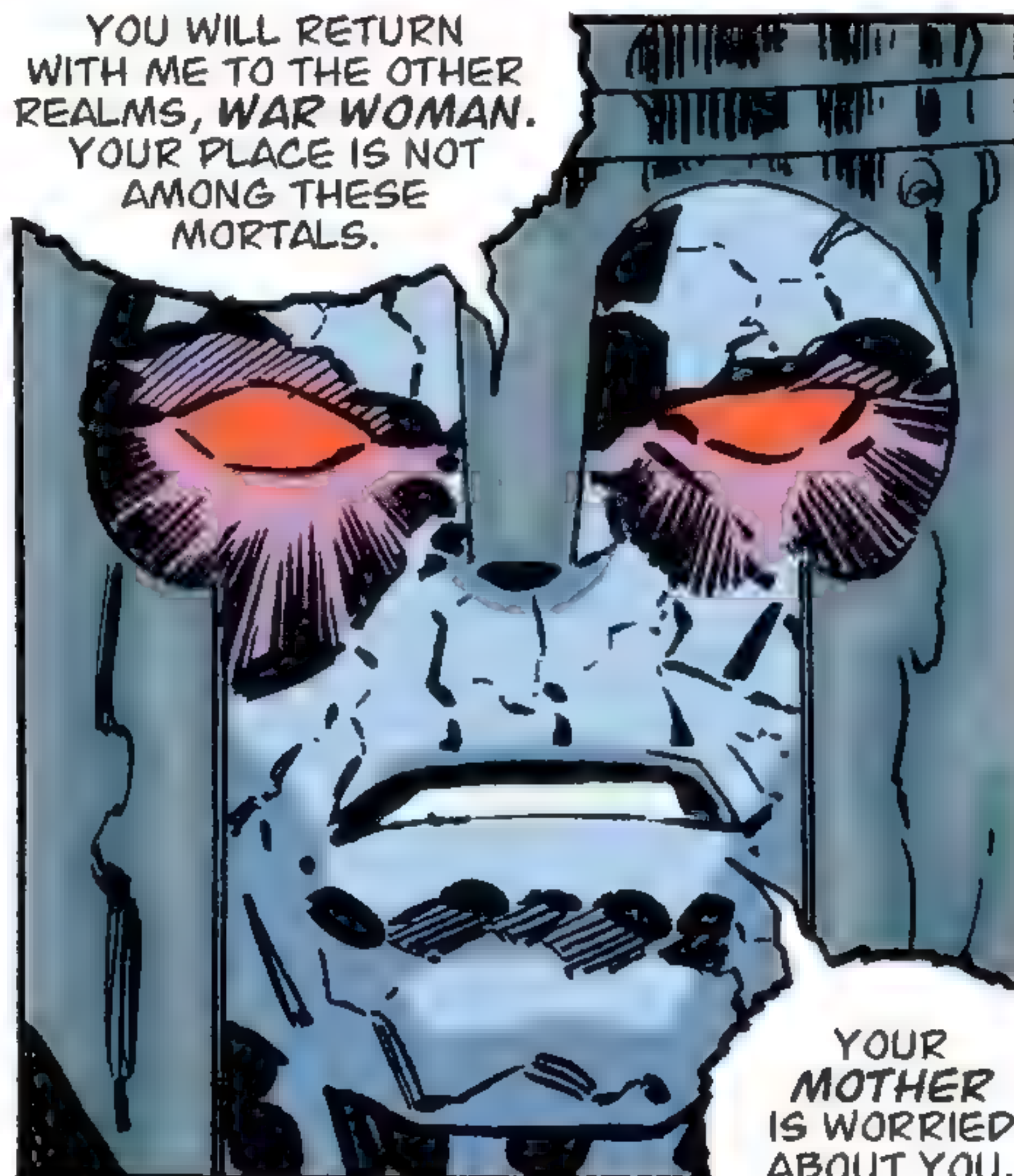


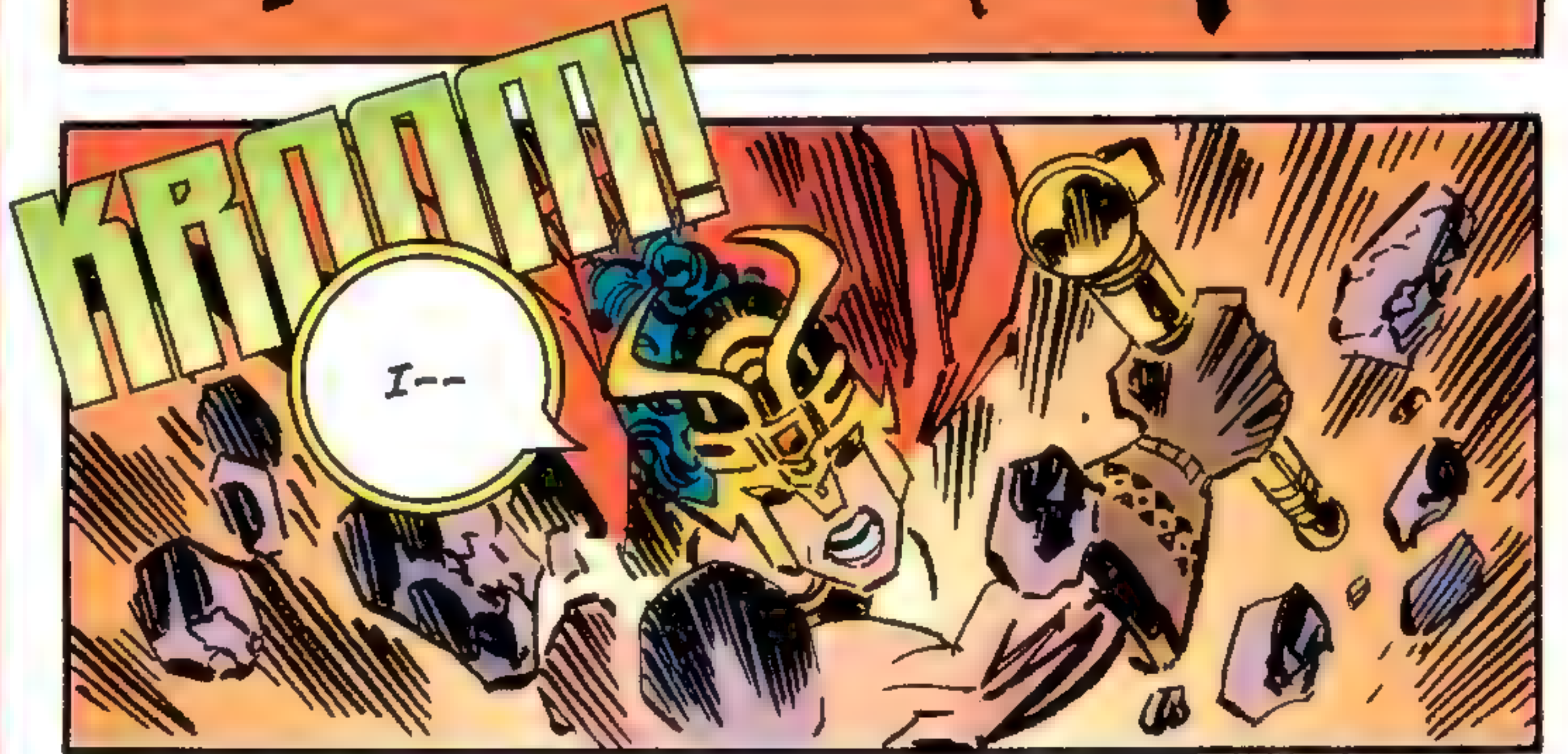
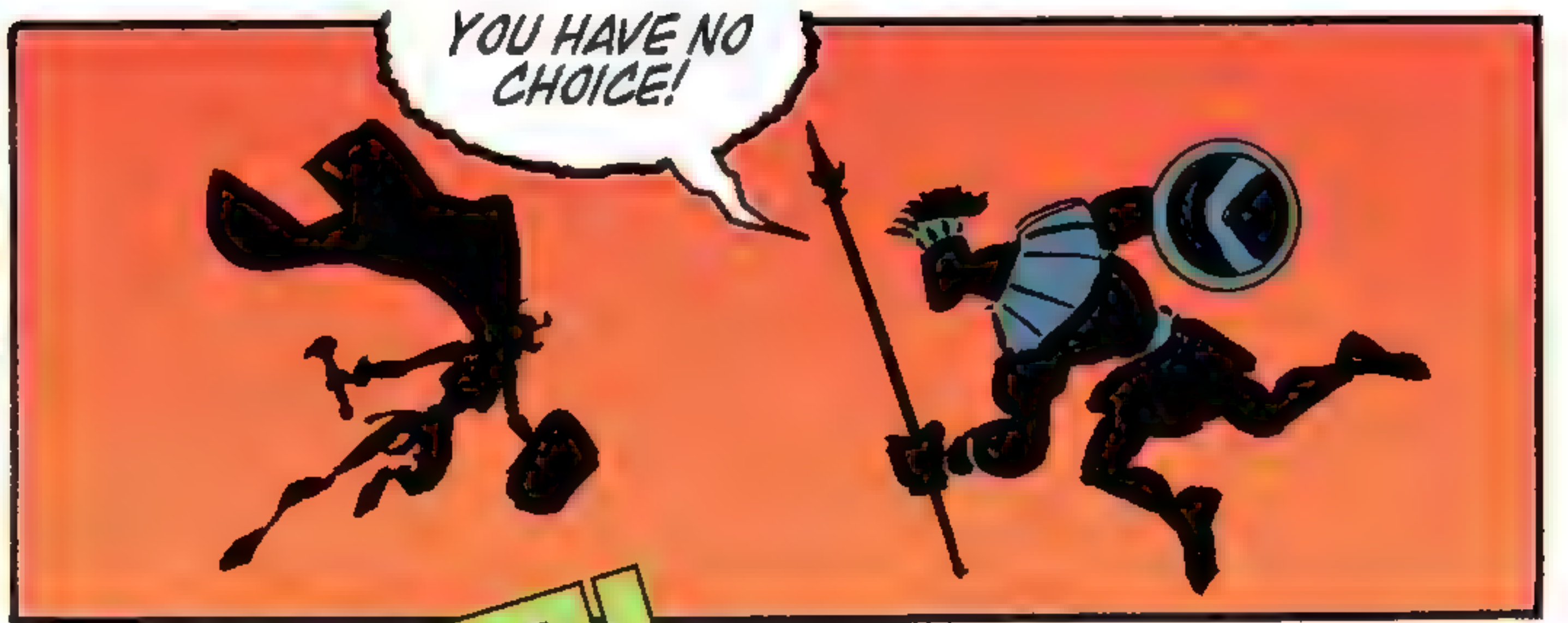
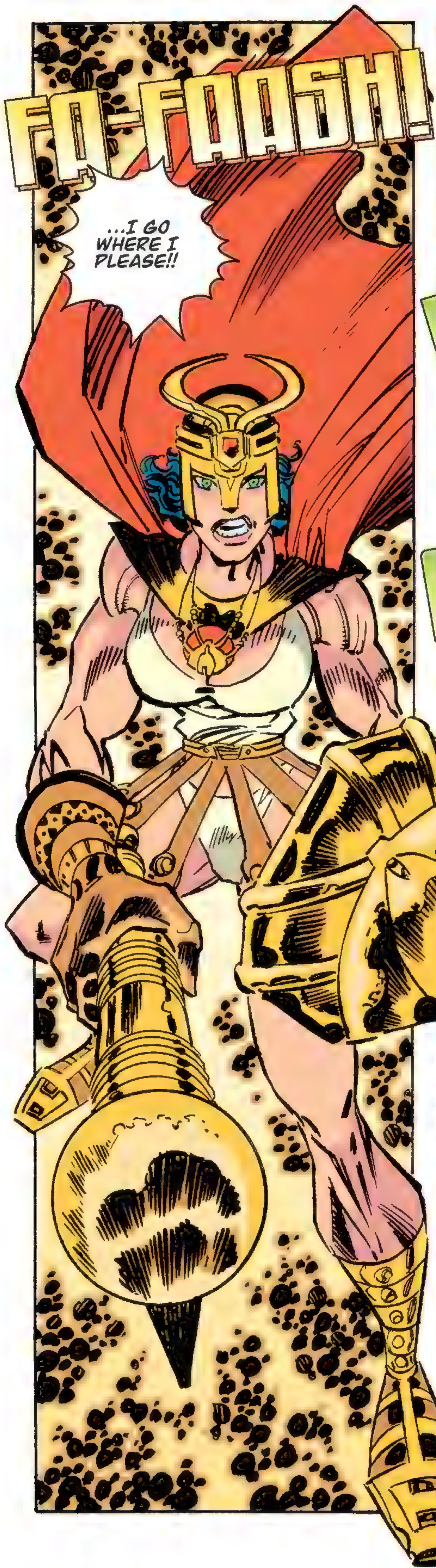
BELVEDERE,
CONTACT THE
AUTHORITIES. I
LEFT A COUPLE
PERPS ON THE
BURNS TOWER.
I'VE BEEN
CALLED
AWAY.

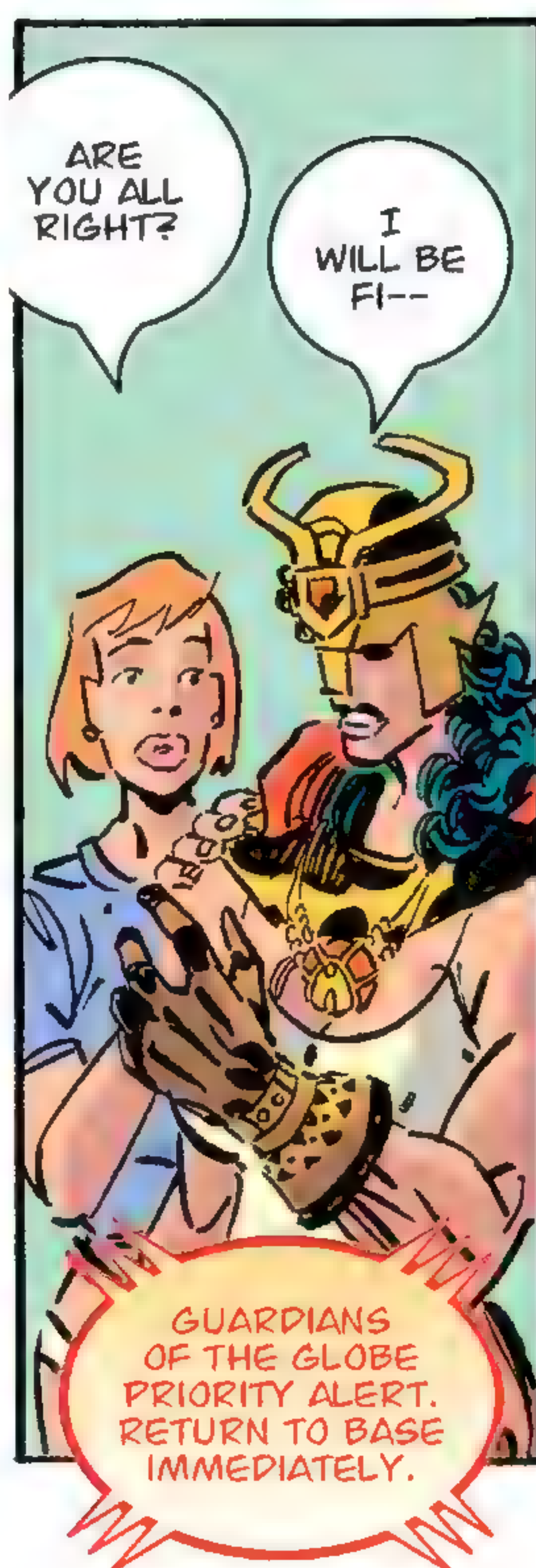




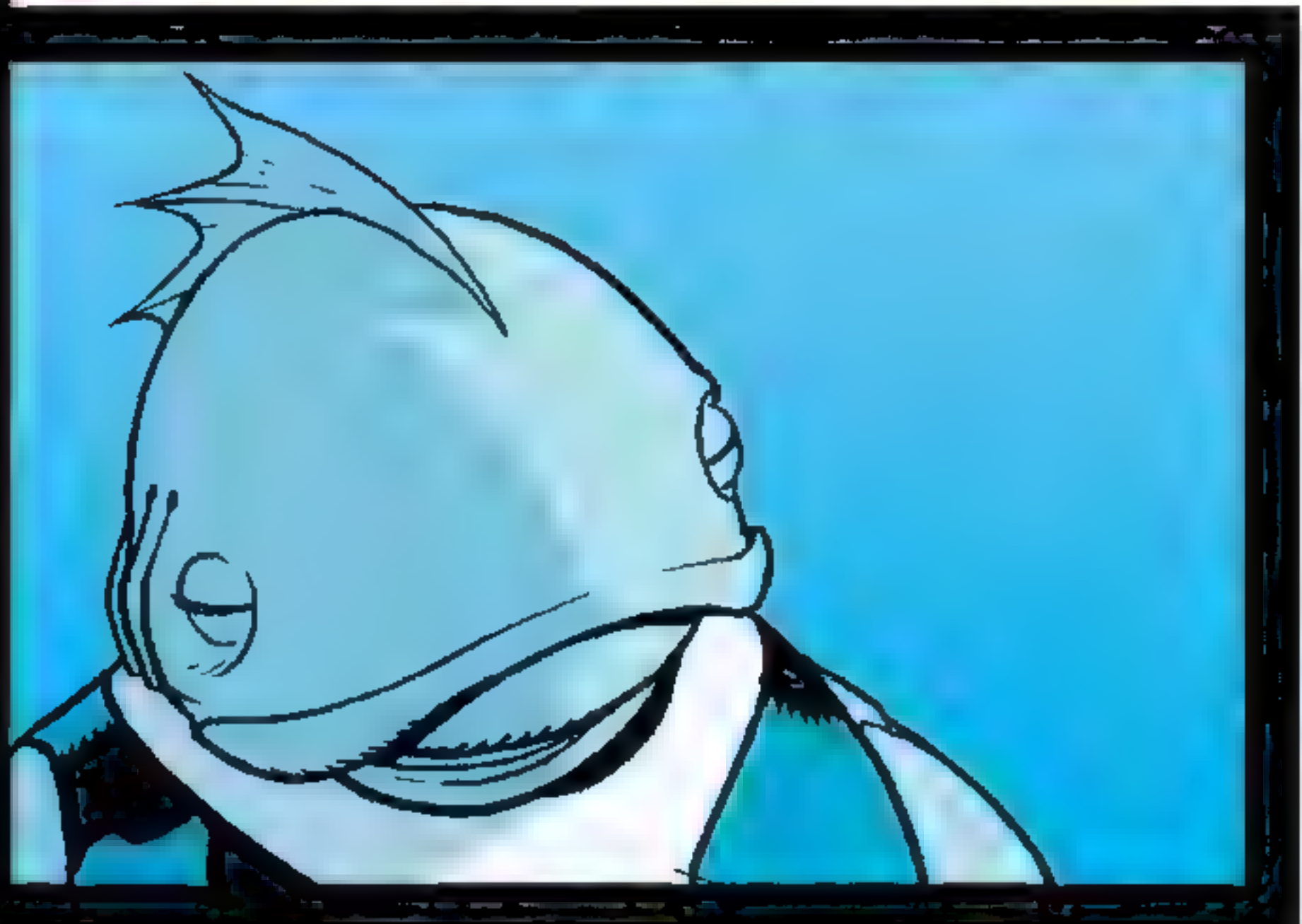
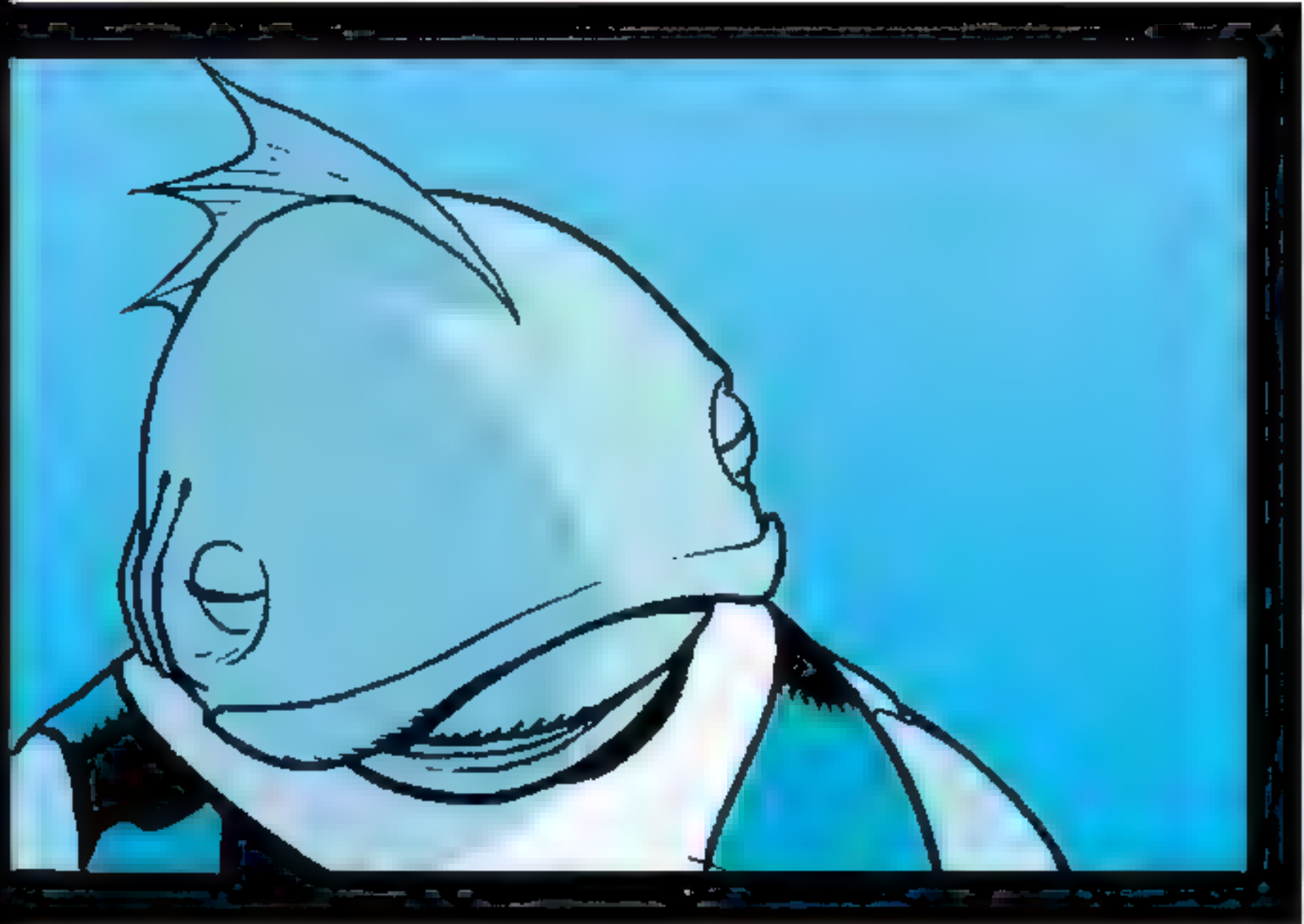
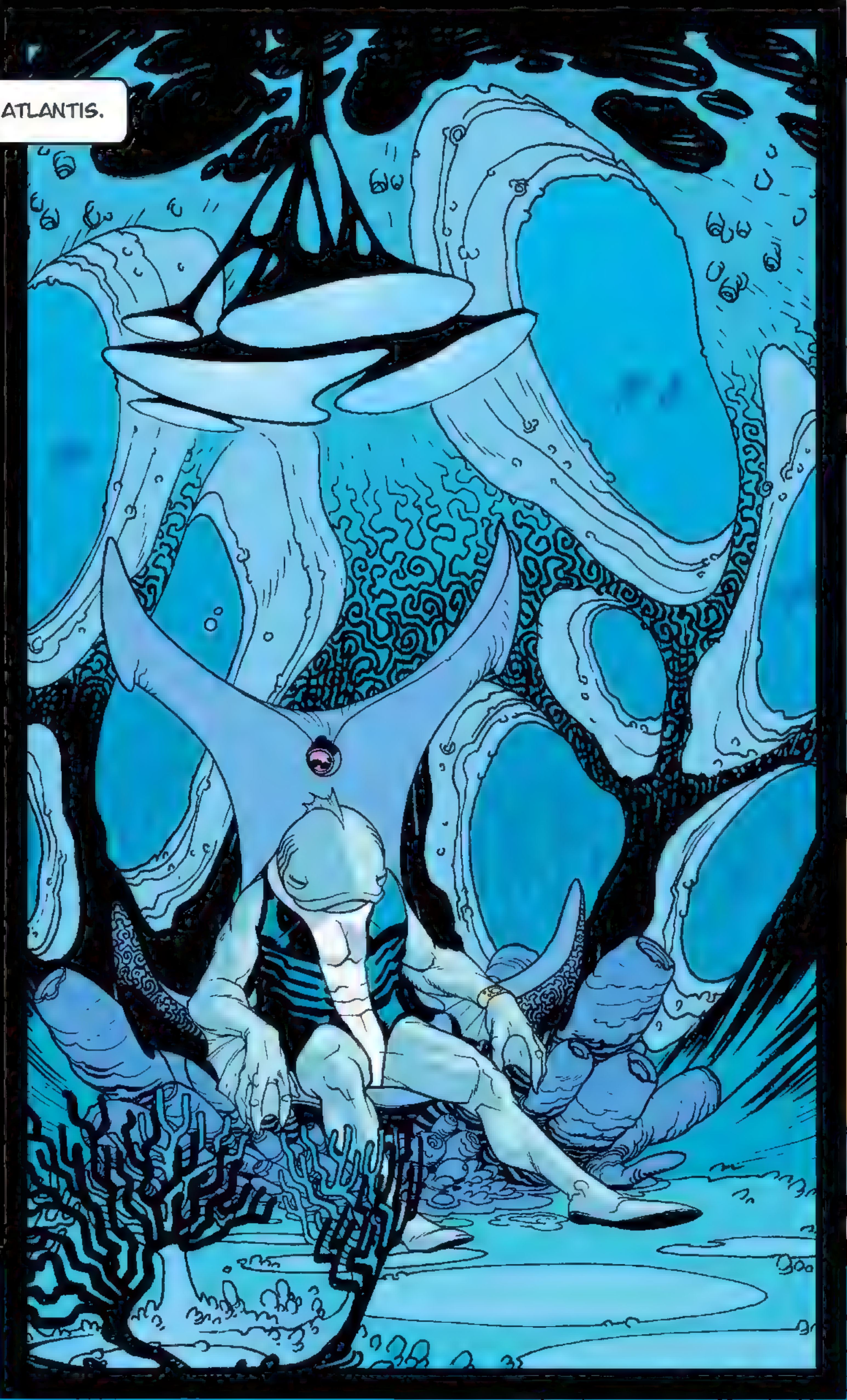








ATLANTIS.



GUARDIANS
OF THE GLOBE
PRIORITY ALERT.
RETURN TO BASE
IMMEDIATELY.

FINALLY...
SOME
ACTION!

SPACE.

DIE--FLESH--DIE!

ITS...
CRUSHING...
ME...

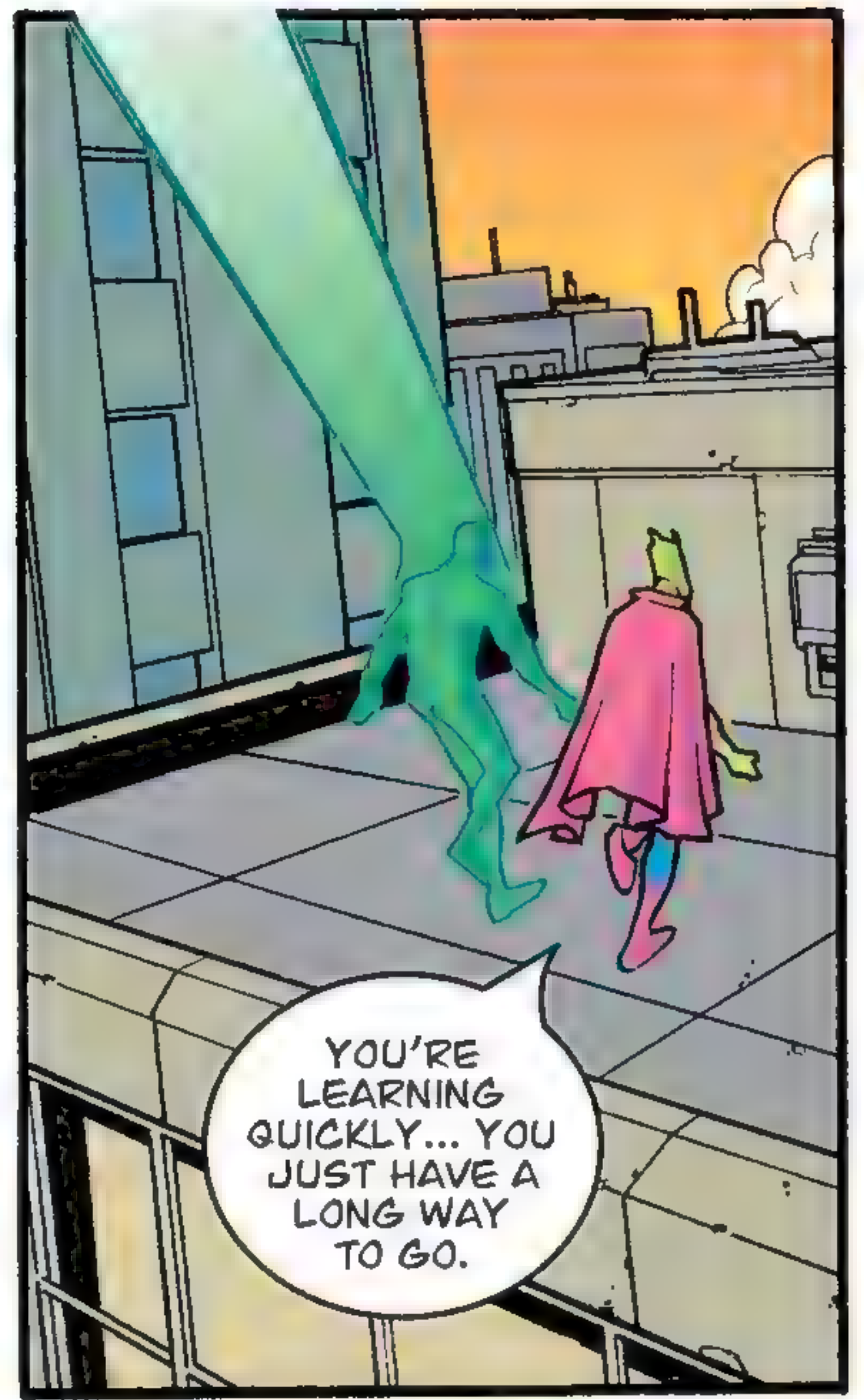
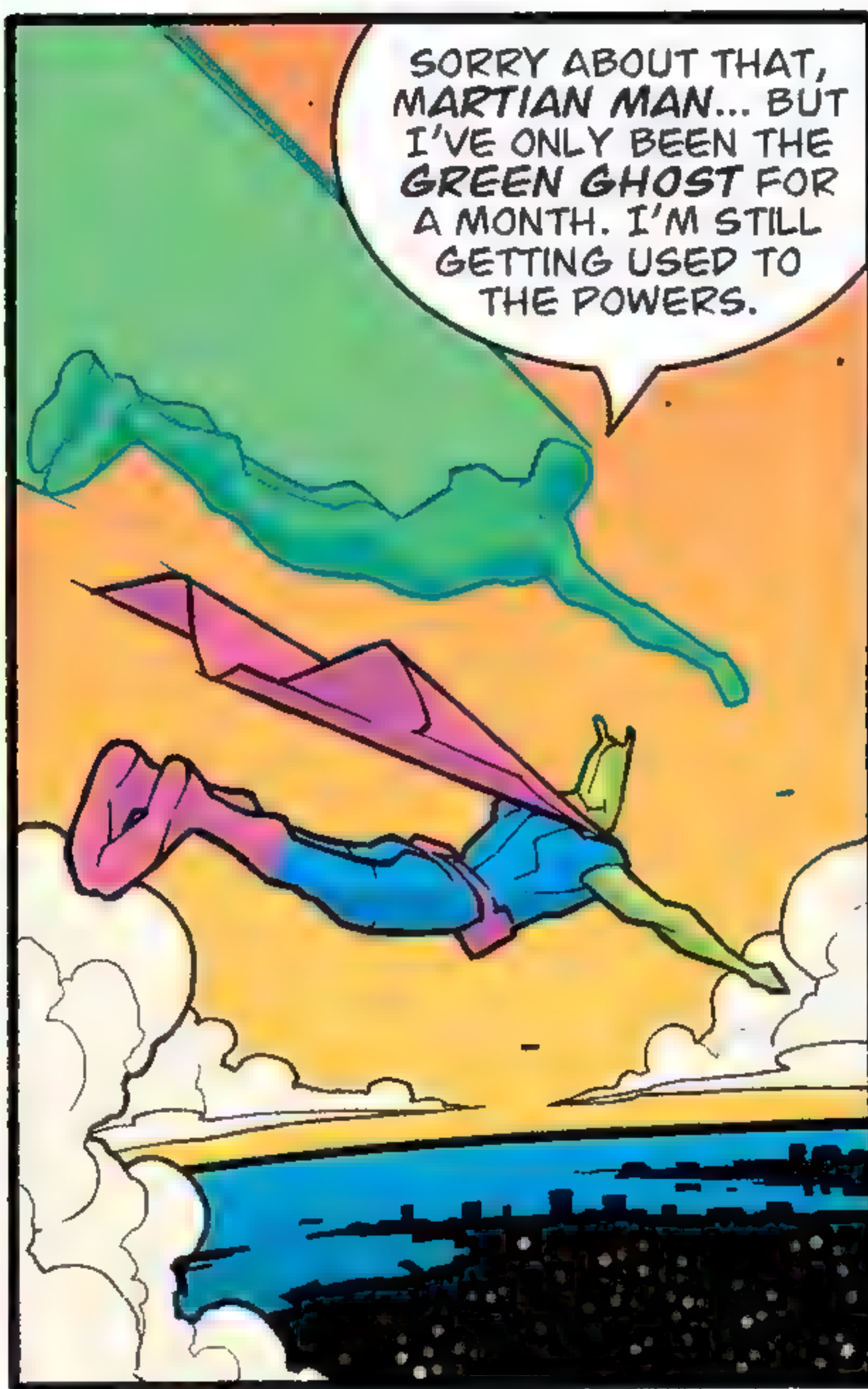
QUICKLY...
BEFORE IT
KILLS US... GO
INTANGIBLE...
AND SCRAMBLE
ITS CIRCUITS!

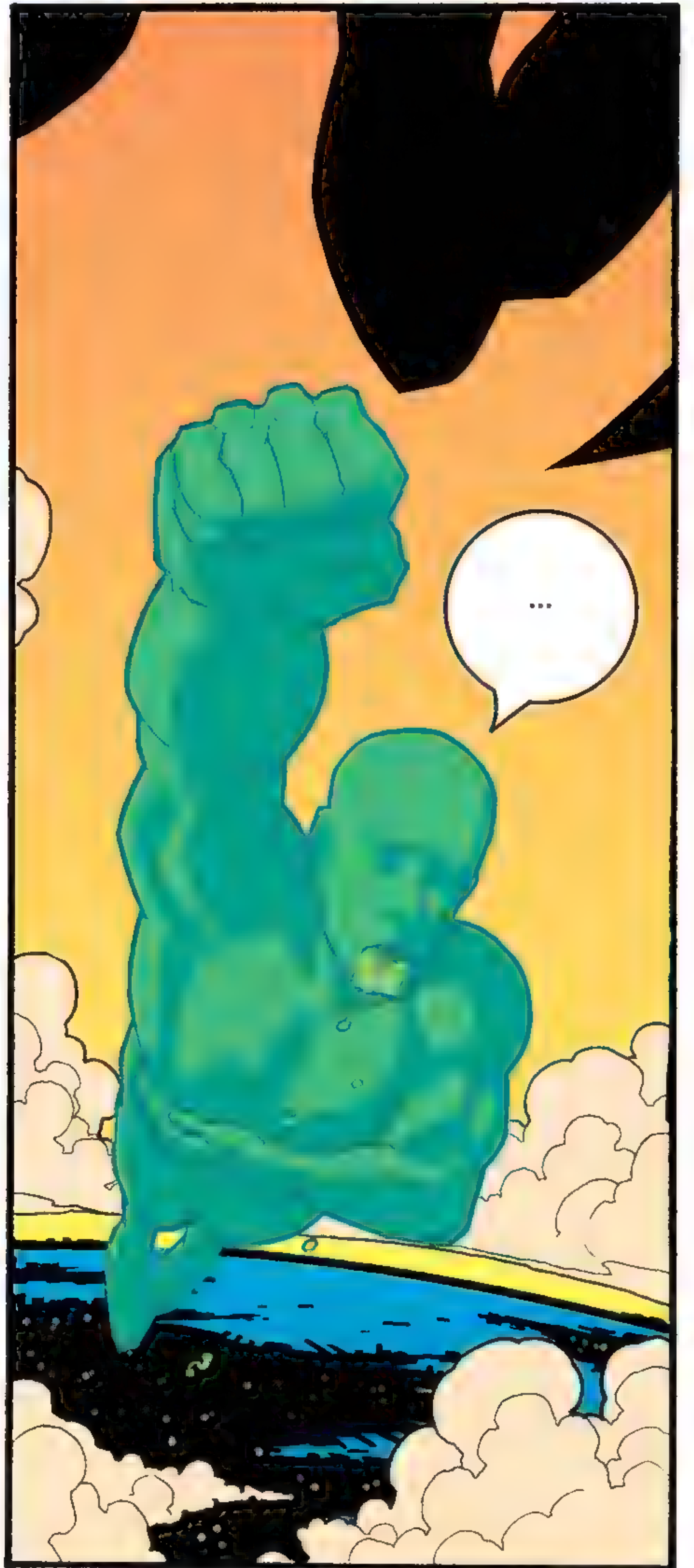
OH,
YEAH... I
FORGOT I
COULD DO
THAT!

HERE
GOES
NOTHING!

DOES--NOT--
COMPUTE!







HIGH ABOVE DENVER.

I
THOUGHT
I WAS RID
OF ALL YOU
RIDICULOUS
VILLAINS!

YOU
MAY THINK
OF BI-PLANE
AS A SILLY VILLAIN
NOW, IMMORTAL...
BUT SOON YOU'LL
SEE THE DAMAGE
I CAN DO.

PLEASE,
CHILD... THE
SUSPENSE
IS KILLING
ME.

THIS IS
IT FOR ME...
MY LAST
HURRAH! I'VE GOT
THE **CANCER**... IN
MY LYMPH NODES...
I'M A **GONER**.
DOC SAYS I'VE GOT
LESS THAN A
MONTH.

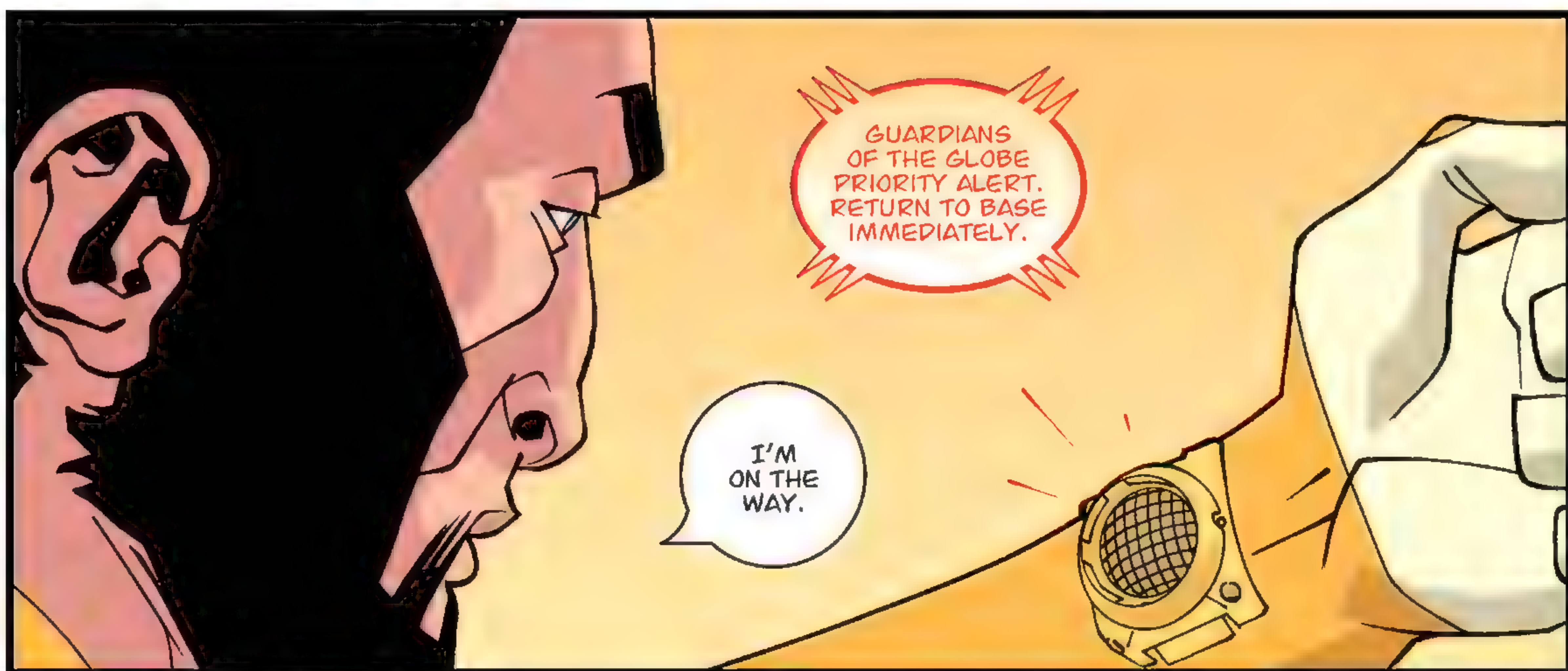
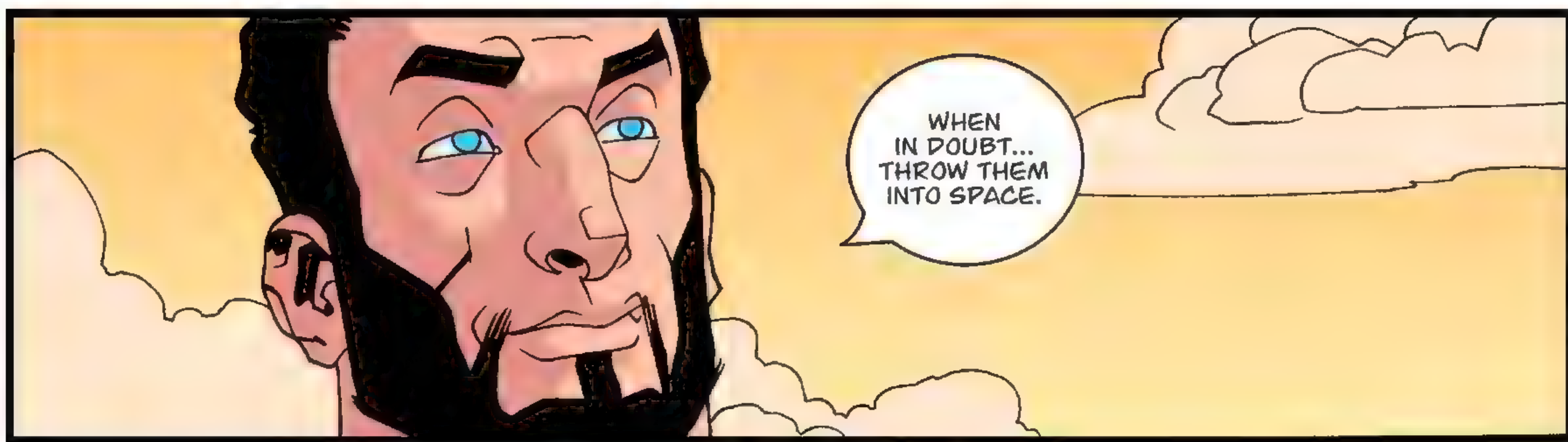
I'M
GOING OUT
WITH A
BANG!

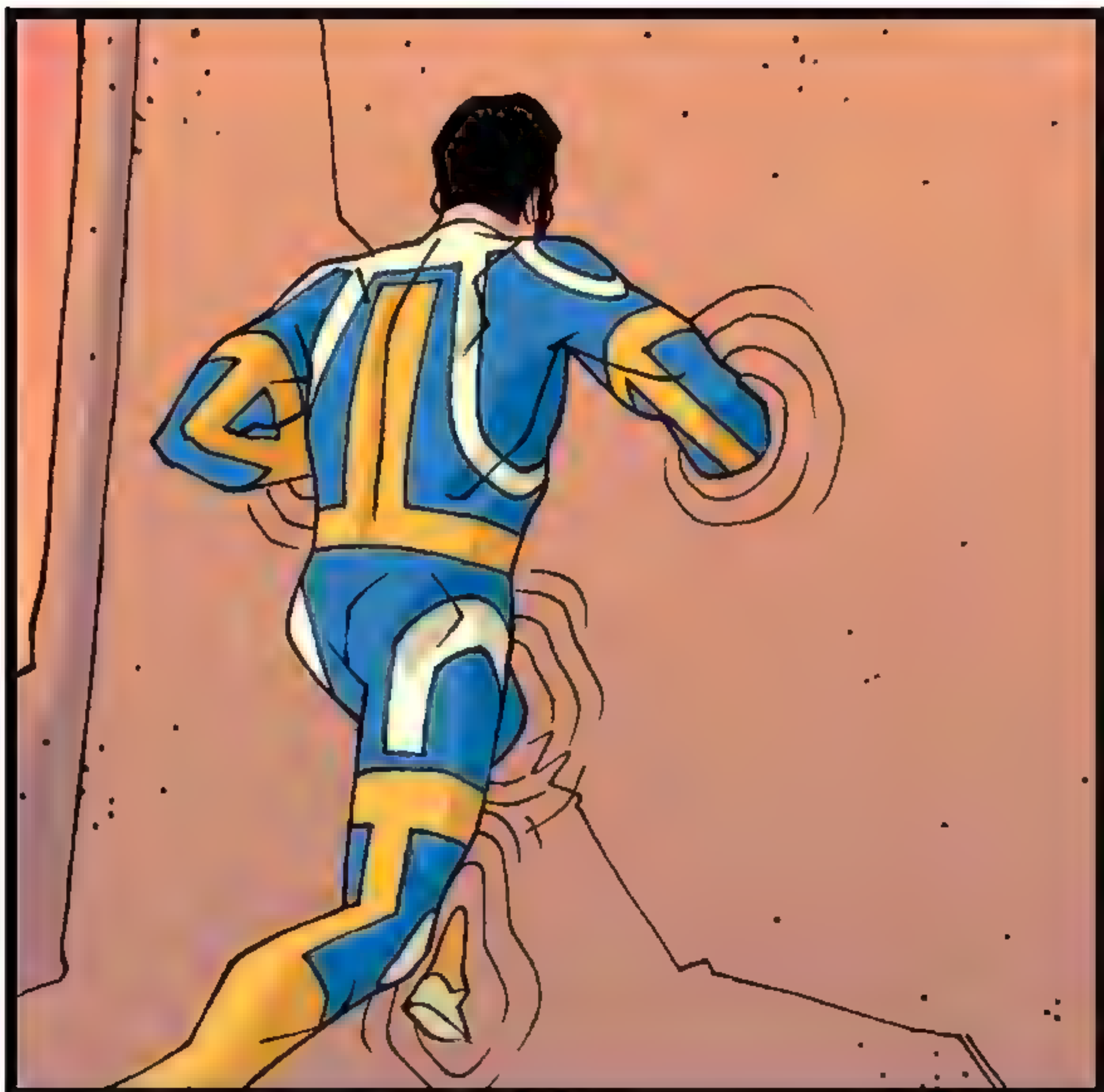
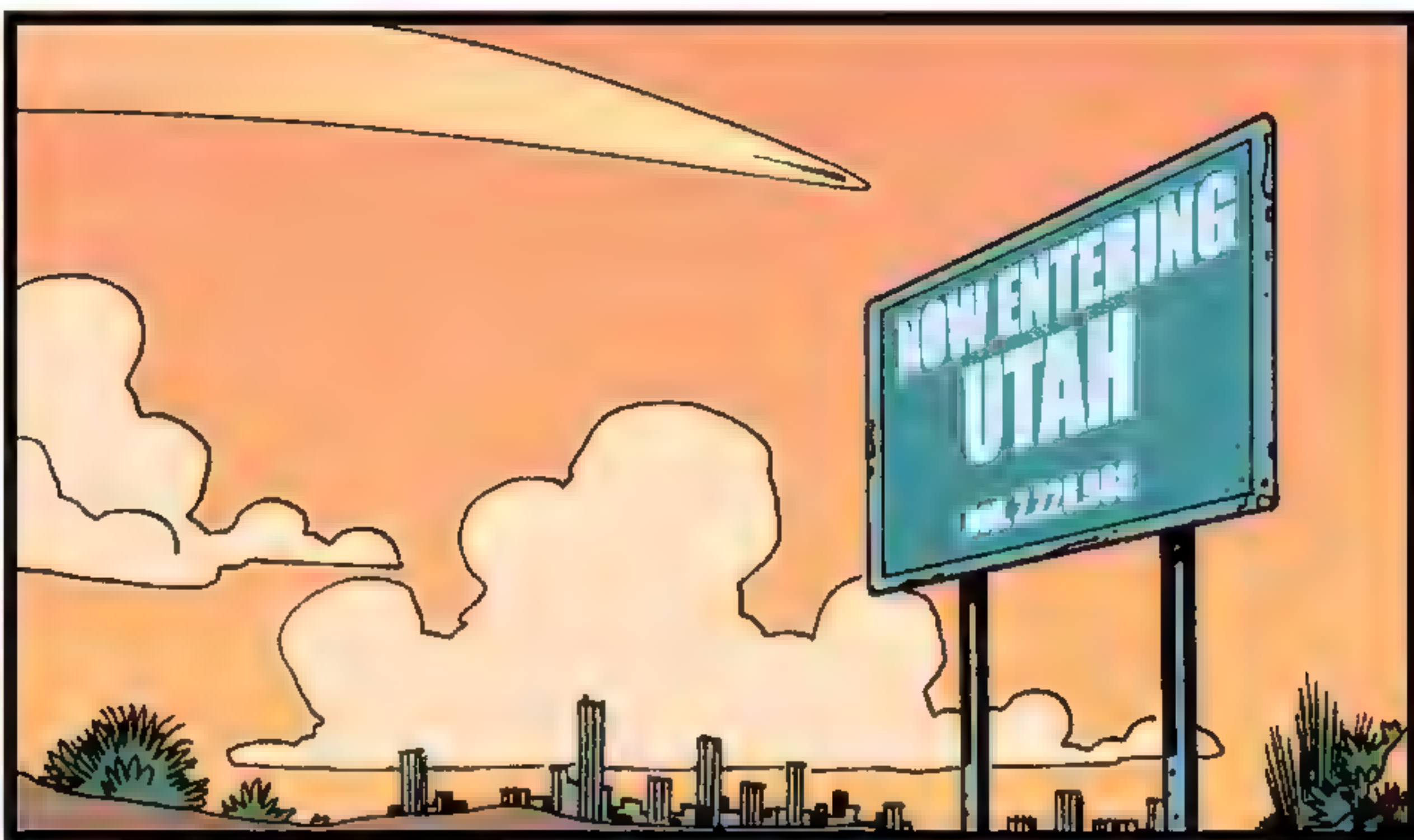
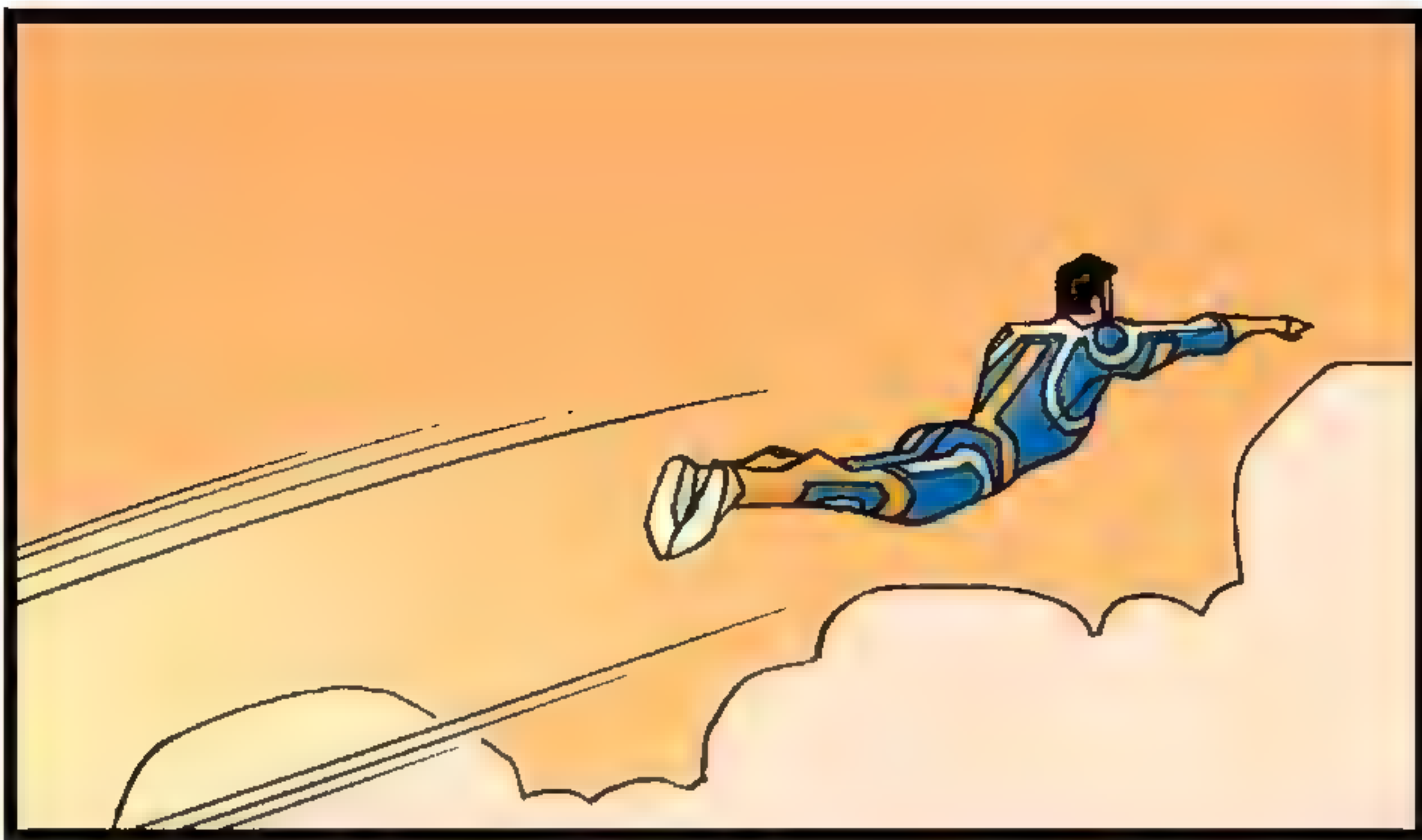
I'M LACED WITH
ENOUGH CARCINOGENS,
AND LOADED DOWN WITH
ENOUGH HAZARDOUS
MATERIALS TO MAKE
DENVER GLOW IN
THE DARK!

MY POWER
SOURCE IS
URANIUM! IT'S
ALL WE HAD TO
USE IN THE OLD
DAYS!

YES
SIREE! THEY
WON'T KNOW
WHAT HIT EM!

WAIT!
WHAT'RE
YOU--



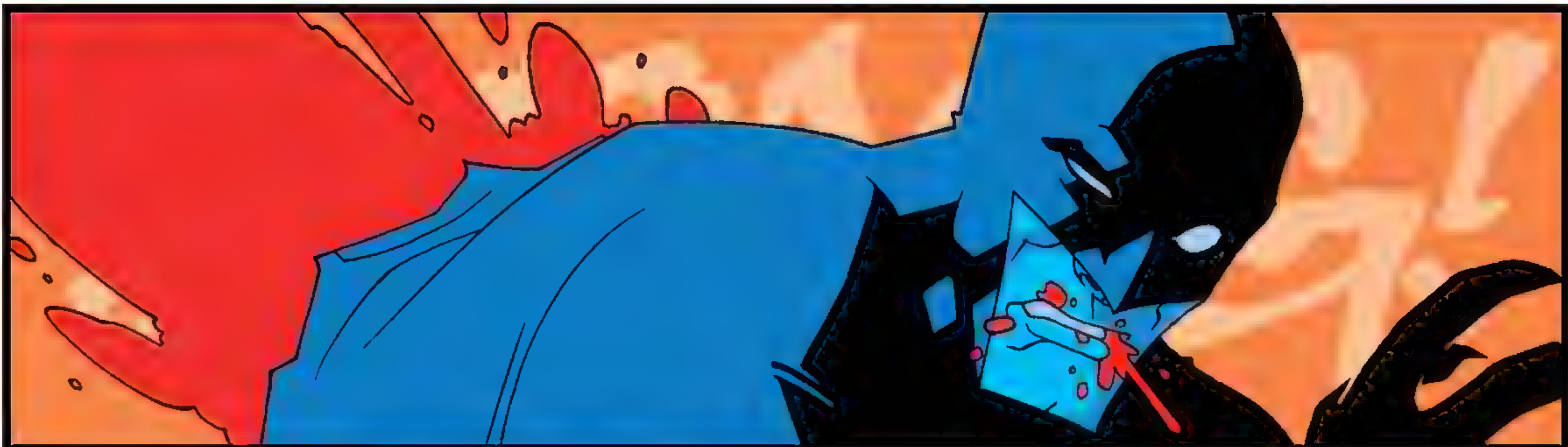
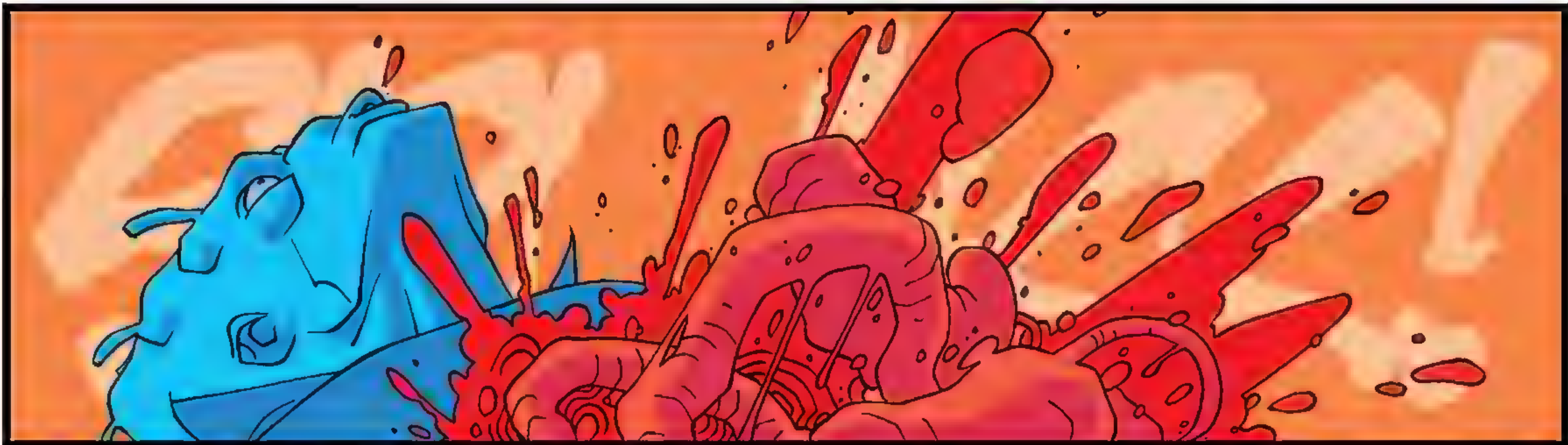
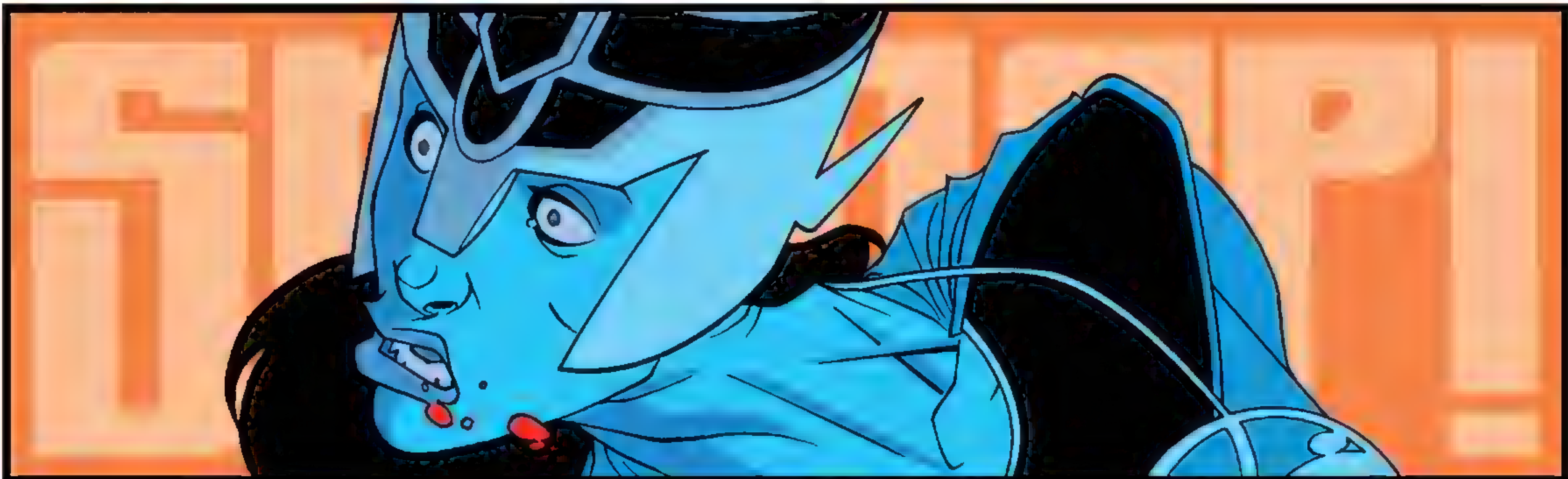
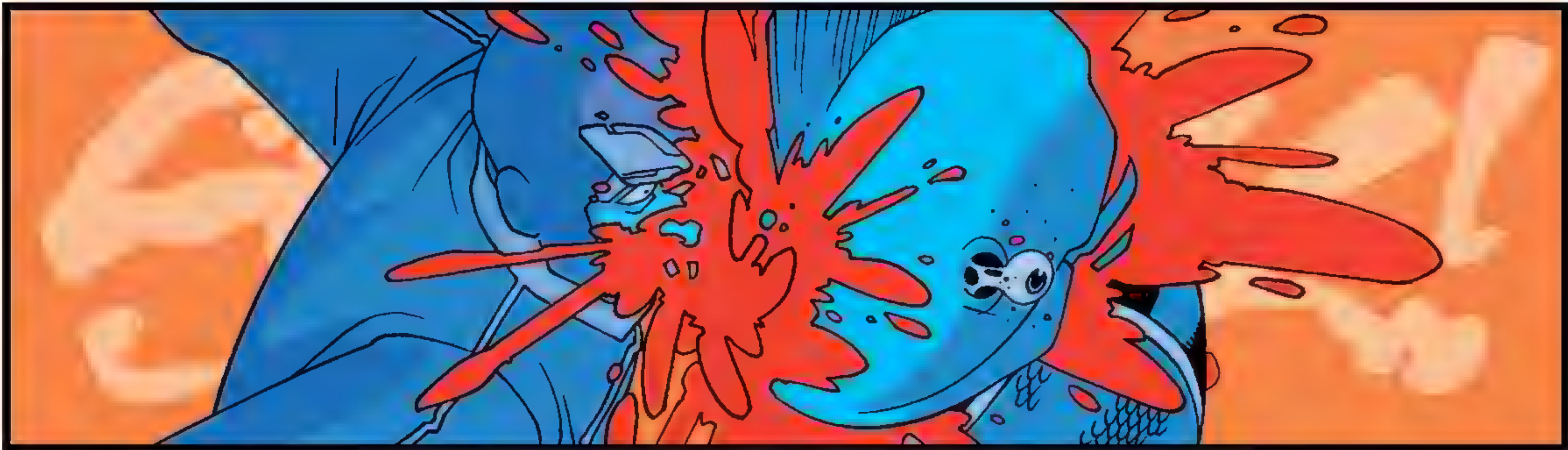


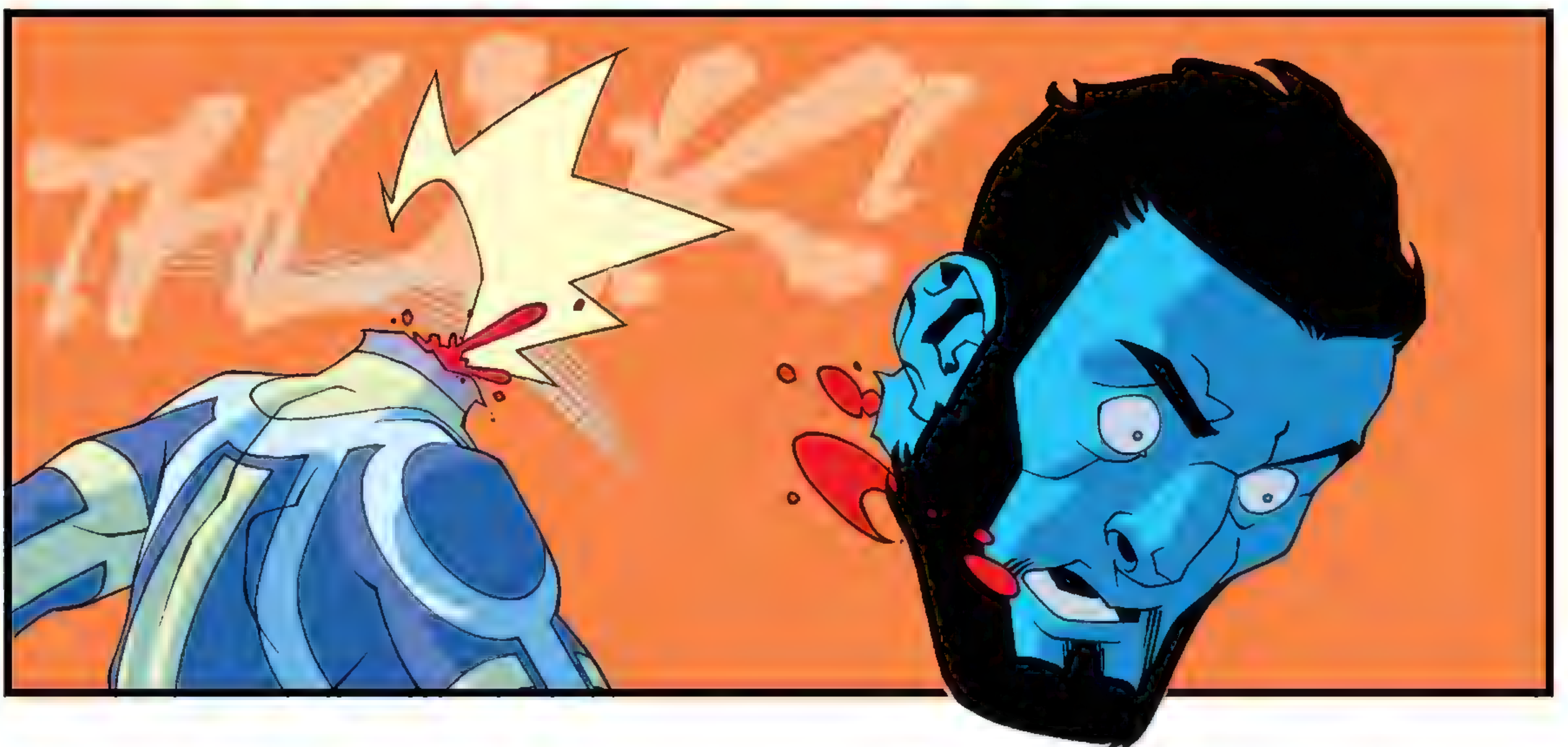


WELL...
WHAT'S
THE BIG
EMERGENCY?

YOU
DON'T KNOW?
WE THOUGHT
YOU WERE THE
ONE WHO CALLED US
HERE SINCE NONE
OF US KNEW WHAT
WAS GOING ON
AND YOU HADN'T
ARRIVED YET.

WHAT
THE HELL
IS GOING
ON?







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FEELING
WAS
MUTUAL.

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Heh... I really hope you're not one of those guys that reads the letters column first, or flips through a book before you read it. If you ARE... man... you just RUINED the surprise, BONEHEAD! If you're not, how about that, heh? Weren't expecting THAT were you? Well, I hope you stick with us in the coming issues because things just get better from here on out. At least... that's the plan.

Oh, and did you notice that this book is out a mere month after issue 7? You'd think it was a miracle, huh? Well, I'd like to take this time to thank Terry Stevens, Matt Roberts & Tony Moore, Mark Englert & Erik Larsen, Dave Johnson, and Cliff Rathburn for helping out and doing the intro sequences of the Guardians or the Globe. You all did a fine job and I couldn't be happier with how this issue turned out (and Bill Crabtree has just as much to do with that as the pencilers and inkers involved). I hope you all feel the same way.

In other news, I received an email shortly after issue 6 came out from the guy whose letter column entry was the winner, but was lost and forgotten when my email program started acting up... so without further ado. Congratulations go out to Joe Lawler for suggesting "PENvinciPALS." As I said, "long and ridiculous" I LOVE IT, thanks Joe. Now we just need to figure out what you won...

Now... about Cory Walker. It's with a heavy heart that I have to inform you all that this issue is the LAST issue of Invincible that will sport the extra-rockin' artwork of young Cory Walker. I know it's tough, and I don't like it any more than you guys do, but Cory has moved on to bigger and better things. Fear not, Cory fans... you'll be seeing his art gracing the pages of another funny book very soon. It just won't be this one. He'll still be doing covers for us, so don't worry... he'll be around. Best of luck to you, Cory, you know I'll be reading what you do next!!

That said, our new series artist starting with next issue is Ryan Ottley. You can see a swell pin-up of him and colorist extraordinaire Ron Riley on the next page. He's doing a bang-up job, in fact... he's already done with issue 8 and working on issue 9 as I type this! The pages are looking fantastic, but more on Ryan next issue. Let's get into some mail.

Note Due to the aforementioned email crash I ran mail for issue 5 last issue instead of mail for issue 4. Because of that I ran Chris Piers letter last month... so there will be no letter from him this issue. Sorry.

Hi Robert,

Invincible #5 would have to be my favorite issue of this book so far as the self-contained issue / story works on so many levels. I think there have been a lot of stories and series where the lead character is somehow typically revealed that s/he is "chosen" to a higher purpose and this story could have so easily gone that stereotypical way. But it didn't, which made it honestly refreshing.

And the obvious point to the story was that sometimes using your brains over brawn can get the job done much quicker and better. But I enjoyed execution in the middle particularly the exchange between the pink one-eyed alien named Allen and Invincible. The "dialogue" between them actually revealed more to the potential of Mark's powers as it clearly (or maybe subtly) indicates that Mark fought him longer and was smarter than his dad!

Really enjoy looking at Cory Walker's artwork. I particularly love all the facial expressions of the characters ever since the first issue of Invincible #1. I keep wanting to use the word "simplistic" to apply to his style but I'm afraid that might seem like an insult where the norm and perception of quality art is the more lines and renderings the better. So I'll just call his art very uncomplicated for now! I also think Bill Crabtree's colours amplifies Cory's style in this book.

Anyway, just wanted to say great work and hope you guys can keep it up!

Gary Lau

Glad you enjoyed the issue, Gary. The only reason Mark fought Allen longer than Nolan is because Nolan usually kicked his ass REALLY quick. He didn't mess around with all that talking stuff like Mark did. We'll be seeing Allen again sooner or later. Keep your EYE peeled.

Dear Invincible crew!

I told myself that when I finally sat down to write you guys a letter, I'd fill with my usual nonsense and babbling accompanied by clever questions for all of you... but as I sit here, staring at the monitor, my mind is at a complete loss. I'm forced once again to just tell you how incredible you're all doing.

Robert, your writing never ceases to amaze me. I've always loved how you're able to make the reader believe that your characters are... for lack of a better word... "real" people. It's not hard to relate to them because unlike most other people, I'm unable to forget the horrors of being a teenager. It keeps me awake at night....

Cory, I told you a long time ago that you'd make it one day. That someone would see you for the amazing talent that you have and pick you up for a big title. And YOU didn't believe me!

Tsk. Shame, shame on you!!! You owe me a doughnut.

And Bill's colors are perfect for Cory's style! I'm a huge fan of the books simplicity. It's refreshing.

You guys are doing a wonderful job and you make an outstanding team! I've missed out on a couple of issues so I'm absolutely going to pick up the collection. I love Invincible. I can say that it's definitely one of my favorite books. Thanks and keep up the good work!!!

Jenn Lee

Thanks, Jenn. If anyone else out there is missing an issue or two, the TPB containing the first four issues is available for order right now over at www.khepri.com and the second volume containing issues five through eight will be available in March of 2003... that one will contain THIS VERY ISSUE!

Man oh man does your book rock! It's officially happened, Image (funkotron) has surpassed all my Marvel and DC books on subscription. This is the very first letter to a comic I have ever written. Invincible is my favorite book with one exception, Arrowsmith. To start off I work graveyards at a porn shop here in Las Vegas NV, this is my burden and to most guys it's a dream job. I hate my job and comics are the only way I can escape this hellhole. On any given night you will find me reading my copy of Invincible or any of about 50 books I subscribe to a month. It's really weird but I have been able to get more customers into reading your book than the stuff I get paid to sell. Now for my questions and remarks.

- (1) Your book is perfect with one exception, Mark's costume. Please gradually alter it. It doesn't talk to the readers. It's missing something.
- (2) Did you give him the Image logo on purpose?
- (3) I love the backgrounds and the hidden characters that's half the fun of the book spotting the cameos.
- (4) Could you please give us some background on the teen team. Maybe you could do like a bio pinup with the stats and info on the side characters. Like what they did with G.I. JOE.
- (5) Can you give us a list in each issue of hidden characters and little things we might have missed from the previous issue. (Was that Jay and Silent Bob in issue 2?)

Thanks again for a great book and if you ever need a new character name for a character could you use Nikalos Bentley. Maybe Invincible could visit me in a Vegas issue.

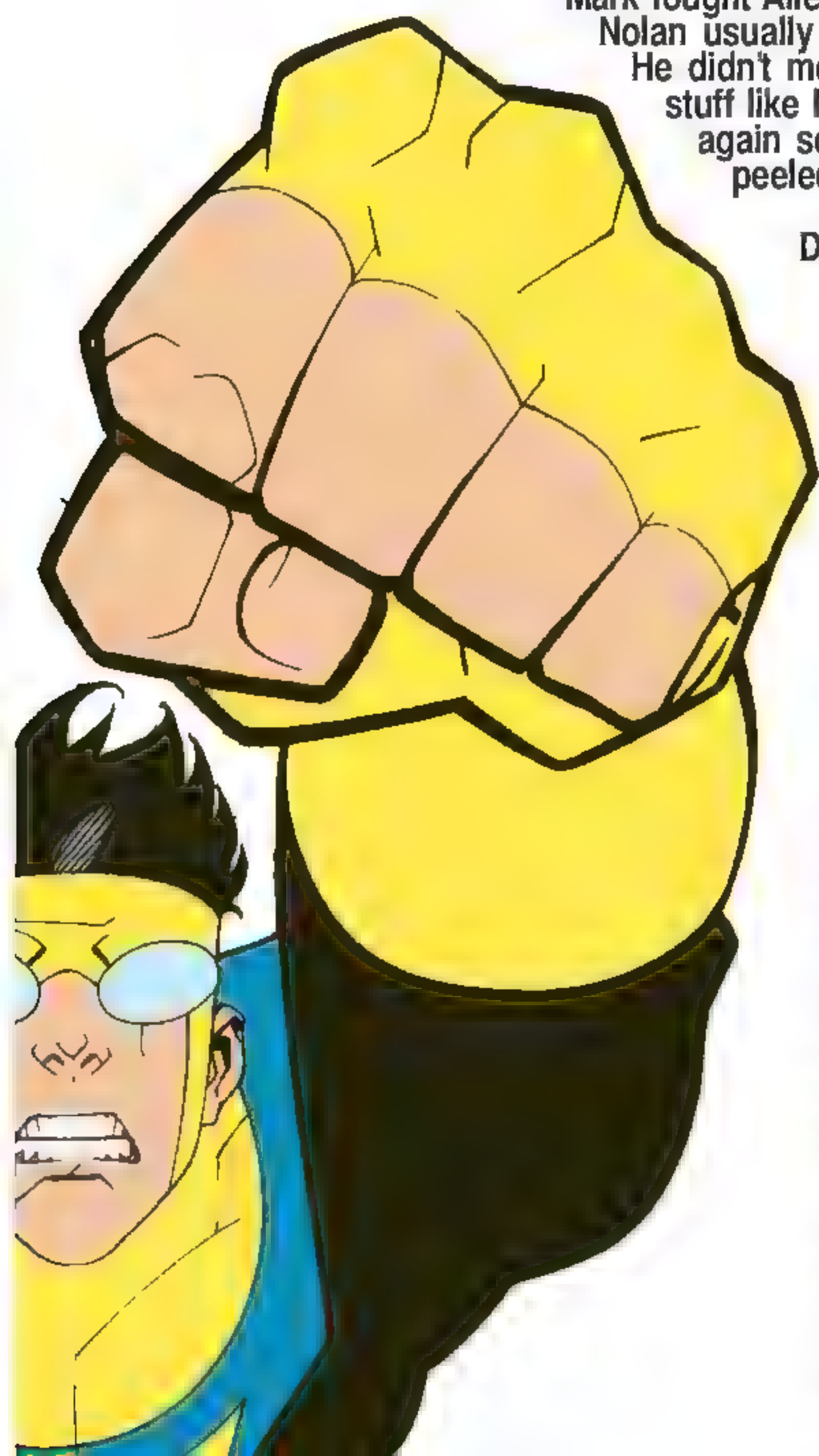
- Nikalos Bentley

1. We may eventually change the costume but there are no plans to do so as of yet. We all like it SO MUCH we couldn't dream of changing it right away.
2. Huh? I don't know what you're talking about. We didn't give anyone the Image logo. That would be illegal.
3. You've got Cory to thank for that. He's always throwing little stuff in. Mainly Charlie Brown...
4. I've thought about doing bio pages but at this point... sadly... that'd be a lot of work that I just don't have time for. In the mean time you should go out and pick up Brit, The Walking Dead, Capes, Cloudfall, and Tales of the Realm to see what's keeping me so busy.
5. Now that would be cheating. Where's the fun in THAT?

Well, that's it for this issue's letters column. Make sure you hop on that computer and let us know what you thought. The email address is up at the top. We'll be waiting. See you next month (or less) for issue 8. Next issue features all kinds of guest cameos and the debut of our new artist Ryan Ottley, miss it at your own risk.

This month's pin-ups by Ryan Ottley & Ron Riley, and Azad (of Sammy: Tourist Trap fame).

-Robert







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